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Crews praised after blaze wrecks home

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A FAMILY have been left temporarily homeless after a fire broke out in their home – and quickly spread to adjacent properties.

The main victims of the blaze in Christopher Tye Close, Ely, named by neighbours as Philip and Carol Wright, who live at the property with their three sons, managed to escape unharmed.

But the damage caused by the fire, which started in the loft and roof space, was so severe that the semi-detached property is now uninhabitable.

And neighbours said if it wasn't for the "amazing" work of Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, it is likely that several other properties would be uninhabitable too.

Steve Cridford, who lives next to the Wright family with his wife, Pauline, and whose loft space has been left heavily smoke logged in the fire, said: "I was at work in Queen Adelaide when Pauline called me to say I needed to rush home as our house, and next door, were on fire.



SMOKE: The house in Christopher Tye Close was badly damaged by the fire

"She was at work too but one of the neighbours called her. I rushed home and couldn't believe it when I got there. It was horrendous. The flames were really big and the smoke was so thick.

"It was awful to stand there and see because there was nothing we could

do."

Mr Cridford, who has lived at his property for around 35 years, said: "The fire service were absolutely amazing; you couldn't fault them. They managed to prevent the fire from spreading and although the damage has been significant it

could've been a lot worse.

"We all just feel for the family. They're a really nice couple with three sons aged in their teens and early 20s. It's terrible for them and we all want to do anything that we can to help."

Firefighters from Ely, Cambridge, Cottenham, Chatteris, Newmarket and Huntingdon, as well as the Multistar aerial appliance from Stan- ground, rushed to the property just before 11.10am last Friday.

Station Commander Paul Clarke, who was the officer in charge at the scene, said: "The crews arrived to find the fire in the roof of the property that was rapidly spreading to the adjacent roofs.

"The occupants of the property had already safely exited before the crews arrived. The quick-thinking actions and hard work of the crews meant the spread of the fire was contained.

"However there has been significant damage to the property, particularly the first floor and roof space."

A fire service spokesman said: "The blaze started accidentally but it is difficult to pinpoint the exact cause as due the roof structure being unsafe, we cannot enter to investigate further."

Leisure centre: Decisions next week

THE contractor and operator of Ely's multi-million pound new leisure centre are set to be appointed next week.

The names of both will not be revealed until after a decision has been made by members of East Cambridgeshire District Council at their meeting on Tuesday, June 28.

The scheme has been granted outline planning permission to be built on land adjacent to Ely Rugby Club under the hybrid planning application for the Cineworld complex, building work for which has started.

In November 2014, the council agreed the mix of facilities which the centre would have to "address the existing gaps in provision, meet future demands" – and be cost effective to operate.

These are: an eight-lane 25m swimming pool, a learner pool, a 120 station gym, two dance studios, a four-court sports hall and a 3G all-weather pitch.

The council says the majority of funds for the new facilities will come via capital receipts or borrowing. The authority is also planning to apply to Sport England.



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FASTING FEAST: Local PCSOs were among those who enjoyed a free meal at the event.

Meals served up at Fasting Feast

MEMBERS of the Ely Muslims

Association joined forces to hand out free food to local families.

The Fasting Feast was held on Ely Market Place on Monday night to celebrate Ramadan, which is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, and is observed by Muslims worldwide as a

month of fasting.

Hundreds of people enjoyed a free meal served up by local restaurants, including Sylhet, Balti King, Le Spice, Basmati, Thai Lounge, Indian Garden, Sutton Tandoori, Spice Lounge, Mango Valley and Market Street Brasserie.

COUNCIL

Coaches set for Lancaster Way

COACH parking spaces in Ely look set to be moved from Barton Road to Lancaster Way Business Park – at a cost of £6,500 a year.

East Cambridgeshire District Council originally wanted to move coach parking facilities to Cresswell's Lane – located off Lisle Lane near Sainsbury's and the Royal Mail delivery office.

The proposals were to accommodate the fact that coach spaces will be lost if the council's plans to build six townhouses and five apartments on an area of the long-stay car park in Barton Road are approved.

But members of the commercial services committee were expected to agree for coach parking facilities to now be relocated to Lancaster Way when they met on

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Wednesday.

In her report, Emma Grima, director of commercial services, said: "Late representations were received relating to Cresswell's Lane by the adjoining landowner which required further exploration, and as such the chairman withdrew the item.

"Concerns were raised relating to land ownership and the ability for coaches to be able to park and turn without the need to encroach on third party land.

"In order to accommodate the relocation of coach parking from Barton Road, officers have secured (subject to committee approval) a temporary (until the end of

2017) alternative location at Lancaster Way.

"Following this period, it is proposed that coach parking is permanently relocated to Downham Road, Ely, as part of the new leisure development."

If the move is agreed, the council will be paying Lancaster Way £25 per coach space per week – equating to £6,500 per annum.

Michelle Wolfe, of Parade Lane, who is one of those against the Barton Road plans, has slammed the move and says the council has "lost the plot".

■ See letter, page 6



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BUSINESS



NEW BRASSERIE: Robin D'Souza

New brasserie opens its doors in Ely

A NEW brasserie has opened in Ely. Market Street Brasserie is the brainchild of Nelson Dighoker and Robin D'Souza.

Robin, who used to be head chef at the Le Méridien in London's Piccadilly, said: "Our food is

modern European cuisine.

"We like bold flavours and the concept of sharing – sharing platters and dishes with family and friends.

"We're open all day everyday. It's something new for Ely and the

feedback we've received has been great."

The restaurant is in Market Street. For more information, call (01353) 669930, search Market Street Brasserie on Facebook or visit marketstreetuk.com.

Choristers sing along with Aled

AROUND 800 people got to hear Aled Jones in concert at Ely Cathedral.

The singer, broadcaster and musician performed there last Thursday as part of his long-awaited UK cathedral tour.

A cathedral spokeswoman said: "It was great to welcome Aled back to Ely.

"As he is a Music Patron here, he always finds time to spend time with the choristers, who joined him on stage for the second half."

The *Ely News* ran a competition offering two readers the chance to win a pair of tickets each to the concert. Our winners were Pauline Badcock, from Ely, and Craig Shepherd, from Haddenham.



MUSIC PATRON: Aled Jones pictured with the Ely Cathedral choristers.

COMMUNITY

Sewer works get under way

MAJOR sewer works have started in a busy area of Ely – and Anglian Water is apologising to residents for any inconvenience it will cause.

Work on building a new 677m long sewer to serve the new housing development in Cam Drive got under way on Monday, and the scheme is set to take around 12 weeks to complete.

As a result, the large area of open space between Downham Road and West Fen Road is closed to the public.

In a letter sent to more than 400 residents in the area, Anglian Water said: "We will be working Monday to Friday, between 7.30am and 6pm, and although it is not our intention to work on Saturdays, there may be the odd occasion where this is necessary.

"We have planned the work carefully to minimise disruption but a project of this scale may cause some disturbance, such as noise and dust, so we are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

"In order to construct the

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new sewer safely, access to the working area will be restricted, although a section of the footpath will be available for residents during this work.

"If you have any special needs or access requirements please let us know at your earliest opportunity and we will make every effort to provide assistance to minimise the disruption.

"During the construction period, additional contact numbers will be displayed on a notice board at the site or alternatively enquiries can be made to our 24 hour Customer Contact Centre on 03457 145145."

Many local residents have contacted the *Ely News* criticising Anglian Water for carrying out the project during the summer when the open space is most popular with families.

But the company says that because this is a scheme to lay a new sewer for a housing

development, it does not get a say as to when work takes place.

Emma Staples, a spokeswoman for Anglian Water, said: "We're installing a brand new sewer in Ely to connect up the new housing development on Cam Drive.

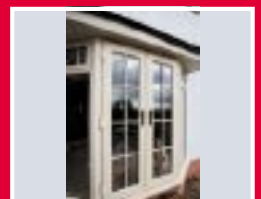
"For the safety of staff and members of the public, access to the working area will be restricted although a section of the footpath will still be available for residents to use throughout.

"The nature of the work we do is inevitably disruptive in some way, and we are sorry to those who are impacted by this, but it is an essential project.

"We have to work within the timelines available on such a big job as a new housing development, so we have done all we can to minimise disruption at the same time as completing this important scheme."



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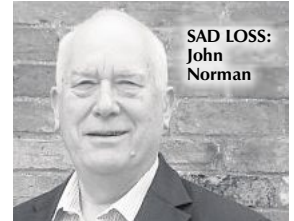
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OBITUARY

Community mourning loss of John



SAD LOSS:
John Norman

THE Ely area has been left shocked and saddened by the death of John Norman.

John, who lived and worked in Wicken for many years, died on Saturday following a short illness.

John was the founder of what is now Ely Design Group Ltd, the building design practice based in Short Road, Stretham.

He set up his first office at home in Drury Lane, Wicken, and, together with his son, Allen, is responsible for the design and construction of many of the more modern homes in Ely and the surrounding villages.

Although officially retired, John continued to work part-time alongside Allen, and his daughter Mary, until very recently.

John leaves his wife, Ruth, children, Allen, Andrea and Mary, and four much-loved grandchildren.

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FUNDRAISING

Jon's concert raises £800



GRATEFUL: Donna Talbot, the hospice's director of fundraising and communications, left, collects the cheque from Jon's wife, Cath, and children, Grace and Nathan.

A CONCERT inspired by a popular Ely man's battle with cancer has raised £800 for charity.

Jon Penington, who was a member of the city's Blue Haze Choir, was diagnosed with terminal kidney cancer in September last year.

Members of the choir, which is made up of parents, teachers, grandparents and friends of Ely St Mary's Junior School, decided they wanted to do something positive for Jon.

Hazel Law, the choir's director, said: "Various Blue Haze members have been touched by cancer in one way or another so when yet another of our members, Jon, was diagnosed with terminal kidney cancer, we decided we wanted to do something positive for him and his family."

"Jon had mentioned that he liked Tim Minchin and would love to take his family to see Matilda, so we did a sponsored walk, we ran, we added money to Jon's jar and before we knew it, we had raised £600 which paid for the family to go to see

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Matilda with VIP tickets and door to door transport.

"Then we thought how about a concert to raise money that would go towards Jon's care in some way?"

"The Arthur Rank Hospice Charity was the choice and the arrangements and rehearsals commenced."

The concert took place at St Mary's Church in Ely and thankfully Jon was able to attend with his family, including wife, Cath, and two children, Nathan and Grace.

Hazel said: "Blue Haze sang a vast repertoire, most of which Jon himself had chosen."

"Jon was able to stay to the end despite his illness and it was a very special evening to be remembered by everyone."

"We raised £800 for the Arthur Rank Hospice at the concert, however, sadly Jon died just eight days afterwards."

"He was the only guy

in the choir and his sense of humour and voice are missed terribly."

"We presented the cheque to the hospice formally so that it could be recorded in Nathan and Grace's 'Daddy Diaries' as an event to remember Jon's fight with cancer and to reflect just how much he was loved by everyone."

A spokeswoman for the hospice said: "Jon was truly a well-loved man and we are delighted that this money was raised on his behalf, by his friends and fellow choir members."

"We hope his family find some comfort at such a sad time, in remembering that the money raised will be used to provide valuable care to other people in Cambridgeshire who are also living with a life-limiting illness."

Blue Haze Choir has been running for around seven years and has held various concerts and fundraising events during that time.

To find out more about the choir, search Blue Haze Choir on Facebook.

CATHEDRAL

Celebrations in honour of Etheldreda

HISTORY reenactments are being held this Saturday to celebrate St Etheldreda, the Foundress and First Abbess of Ely.

The reenactments will be on Cross Green, beside the cathedral, at 11am, noon and 1pm – and costumes will be

provided to enable families to join in.

On Sunday, the girls, boys and men of Ely Cathedral choir will be celebrating Etheldreda Day with a Sung Eucharist at the cathedral at 10.30am, followed by a Festal Evensong at 4pm.

In the evening, Cantata Dramatica will then be telling the fascinating story of the founding of the cathedral through music.

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Service at cathedral to mark 100th anniversary of Somme

A SERVICE is being held at Ely Cathedral next week to commemorate the soldiers who fought in the Battle of the Somme.

The event is on Friday, July 1 – exactly 100 years on from the first day of fighting.

The service will commemorate the men of the 11th Battalion Suffolk Regiment and the Cambridgeshire Volunteer Battalion (Cambridgeshire Pals), who were in the trenches of the Somme and suffered heavy losses.

It will include readings, poetry and songs from pupils of Swaffham Prior Primary School, Deputy Lieutenant Colonel Colin Elsdon, the Royal British Legion, descendants of some of the soldiers, the chairman of the county council, Sebastian

Kindersley, and Canon James Garrard.

The service is running from 11am-noon and all are welcome. The council is also creating a 'digital memorial' to mark the anniversary. Visit great-war.ccan.co.uk.

Record turnout for beer fest

WILBURTON Beer Festival enjoyed a record turnout at the weekend.

More than 1,500 people headed along to the event, which was held on the village recreation ground on Saturday and Sunday.

The festival was sponsored by Manchetts and featured over 30 different beers, as well as local ciders, Pimms and Prosecco.

Live bands played throughout the weekend, plus there was a dedicated children's area with inflatables, zorbing, bungee trampolines and more.

As ever, all funds raised will be donated to local good causes. The festival has raised around £56,000 in the 18 years it has been running.



CHEERS: Having fun at the beer festival. Left: Pete Fraser on guitar and Alan Yate playing the drums. Right: Ian Diaper sups his pint. PICTURE: Warren Gunn



EDUCATION

ALT gets go-ahead to run schools

THE Active Learning Trust (ALT) has been approved as the sponsor of two new schools being built in Littleport.

The construction of Cambridgeshire County Council's £37.5 million new education and leisure complex in the town started in January, and once complete, it will boast an early years school, primary school, secondary school, special needs school, and a new community leisure facility.

The ALT applied to sponsor the new secondary school and special needs school following the withdrawal of the Greenwood Dale Foundation Trust earlier this year.

The ALT's application has now been approved by the Department of Education.

The trust currently operates 14 schools across East Anglia, five of which are in Cambridgeshire, including the Isle of Ely Primary School. Gary Peile, CEO of the ALT, said: "We are proud to be asked to lead the new provision for Littleport and continue our partnership with the county council to deliver high quality provision for Cambridgeshire."

Both the secondary school and the special needs school are set to open in September 2017.

COURT

Men sentenced in kidnap trial

TWO men have been sentenced for their roles in an ordeal in which a man was kidnapped, threatened with being 'burnt to death' and assaulted.

Kevin Smith, 37, and Perry Twinley, 32, appeared at Cambridge Crown Court where they denied kidnapping and assaulting a Cambridge man in the belief he could settle a dispute over the alleged infidelity of Twinley's wife.

After an eight-day trial, Twinley was found guilty of kidnap, assault occasioning ABH and common assault.

Smith, of Desmonds Close in Hauxton, was found guilty of assault occasioning ABH, but cleared of intimidating a witness or perverting the course of justice.

Last week a jury heard that in July or August last year, there had been a party in the victim's block of flats with both Smith and Twinley there.

On August 12 Twinley smashed his way into the complainant's flat. The victim was then "dragged by his

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hair" and forced, at knife-point, to get into a van outside, where Smith was waiting.

Twinley, of Market Street, Soham, drove the three of them out to a travellers' site in Soham where his sister lived to settle the dispute.

At 4.15am the men stopped at a BP garage on Huntingdon Road and indicated that petrol would be used to set fire to the victim. Smith drove back and Twinley allegedly continued threatening the victim.

During sentencing the court heard Twinley had 20 convictions for 14 offences – while Smith had eight convictions for 13 offences.

Mustapha Hakme, mitigating for Twinley, said: "My client and his partner of 15 years suffered the loss of a child in 2006. Twinley turned to drink and class A drugs to mask his grief."

Jim Earle, mitigating for Smith, said both men were

out of their depth in their alcohol consumption on that night.

He added: "My client was threatened at knife-point by his cousin to drive the van. He hasn't had the most favourable start in life and has lost his job after newspaper reports of the trial."

Judge Jonathan Cooper said the victim's injuries were "severe" and that the offences have had a long-term effect on him.

Twinley was handed four years and 10 months in prison, as well as a restraining order not to contact the victim or to go to Cambridge.

Smith was handed a six month sentence, suspended for two years, and 200 hours of unpaid work.

He was also given a restraining order with conditions not to contact or visit the victim.

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I'm not the expert on this

THE letters pages of your June 9th issue seem heavily weighted towards the 'Leave' option in today's referendum.

Far be it from me to add to the contradictory, misleading and often unprovable and/or out-of-context 'facts' being bandied about by both sides.

The best argument I have heard so far for voting to remain in the EU is the one that goes something like this:

■ Remaining in the EU would put us where we were before David Cameron sought to appease his right wing MPs (and grass roots supporters threatening to defect into UKIP) with the promise of a referendum, in the process, putting the Tory party's interests ahead of the nation's.

■ I don't know enough about it; I don't have the time to study the issues involved; I am therefore not qualified to make this decision; I am not paid to make this decision.

■ MPs are elected by us and are paid handsomely to study the issues, in depth, and to protect our interests. ■ A referendum ends up being a perfect opportunity for the popular press to manipulate opinion by means of headlines which misrepresent the facts to the detriment of those they persuade.

So I shall be voting to Remain and shall expect the House of Commons, via our elected representatives, to do what they are paid to do, to keep us in the EU and to further our interests and those of our fellow Europeans by way of participating proactively and negotiating and agreeing the improvements necessary to move forward towards a sustainable democratic European future.

**Terry Belcher
Cherry Orchard
Haddenham**

We'll suffer, either outcome

THERE is very little about this Referendum which has been democratic. When Messrs Cameron and Corbyn attended the memorial for the appallingly murdered Mrs Cox, MP, both went on at great lengths about democracy and tolerance. How sad that neither have shown tolerance or democracy for the Brexit voters. Disgracefully, the murder of Mrs Cox has been used by some on the Remain side and Left Wing media to not very subtly lay it off on Vote Leavers.

Andrew Marr on his show stated that Brexit is UKIP, with all that implies. I have heard no slurs on those who choose to Remain, but the VoteLeavers have been called every disrespectful name under the

GARDEN PARTY: Philip Baker, Suzanne Lindsay (mayoress), Susan Baker (Diocesan President), Mayor Cllr Ian Lindsay and Hazel Williams MBE (unit co-ordinator).



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140 years of the Mothers' Union

STRAWBERRIES and fizz were in abundance at the Ely Diocesan Mothers' Union (MU) summer garden party.

The event was held in the Bishop's Garden on Friday evening to celebrate the 140th anniversary of the MU.

Members and guests enjoyed strawberries, fizz, live music from the Ely Imps and a prize raffle.

Among the guests were

the Bishop of Huntingdon, Rt Revd Dr David Thomson, and his wife Jean, and the Mayor and Mayoress of Ely, Ian and Suzanne Lindsay.

Susan Baker, president of the Ely MU, said: "It was a wonderful evening. We were blessed with lovely sunshine and everyone really made the effort."

"It was the perfect way to celebrate 140 years of

the Mothers' Union and everything that the union is about, which is essentially reaching out to families."

Proceeds from the party will go towards MU projects within the Diocese of Ely.

The Ely MU always welcomes new members and support.

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sun with "racists", "bigots" (always misused) and "nutters" being favoured. Organisations such as the IMF, UN, UNHCR, all with questionable financial practices, have been bombarding us.

Trouble is very few of our politicians are prepared to stand up for genuine democracy and tell all those who constantly criticise the UK, while demanding more money, to butt out.

Note that nothing has been mentioned about the extra £1.7 billion the EU demanded last year, because our economy was good, which Dave said he would contest but paid it all in November. Penalised for tightening our belts. Whatever the result on Thursday, I fear we will be punished by our "friends" in the EU. God help us.

**Diana Donald
Address supplied**

Today, I'll be voting to leave

TODAY, Thursday the 23rd of June, is the voters final chance to vote OUT

and choose a Greater Britain, this will be your moment of glory. There is a world beyond Europe that offers opportunities for Britain to become once more a global player. Only 5% of the world's population is in Europe the other 95% are in the emerging nations that want to trade with us.

France is riven with strikes, riots and demonstrations, Greece continues to struggle with insurmountable debt, Italy has severe banking problems, the Single Currency Euro continues to cause concern throughout Europe and beyond... this is not a club which we wish to be part of.

Of course Britain will continue to work and co-operate with the whole world as we did when building the Channel Tunnel, The Airbus, and also that great aircraft, Concorde, all without the need of the European Union.

Major Tim Peake's time at the International space station is further proof of an outward looking Great Britain.

The case for leaving is simple, it will lead to a strong and outward looking Britain.

Today, Thursday, I will vote for the true interest of my country, I will vote to repudiate "project fear" I will vote for the liberation of the United Kingdom and its reinstatement as a true democracy.

Grasp the opportunity today to be part of a greater Britain by voting out. **Frank Lindsell
St Johns Road
Ely**

We must follow our MP's lead

'LEADS' at last from the lady. I wrote to local papers urging Lucy Frazer MP (Conservative, South East Cambridgeshire) to tell us what she really believed regarding the EU referendum.

The prime minister, her Conservative Party's leader, has made himself clear. Wasn't it time, I wrote, for Ms. Frazer to give us a lead?

It now transpires that she had co-signed (with Norfolk MPs) a pro-Remain letter to a Norwich-based newspaper.

Whether prompted by me or not, it also transpires that she had agreed to attend on Saturday last the pro-Remain referendum stall in Ely (it was cancelled following the murder of Jo Cox MP).

So, we in S.E. Cambs. have two 'leads' from the MP.

She received support from 28,845 electors at the general election and, despite attracting some criticism since, she still has many loyal Conservative supporters.

Those loyal Conservative supporters should follow the leads given by their national leader and their local leader.

Anything else is disloyalty. **Geoffrey Woollard
St Andrew's Park
Soham**

Letters of the month

You could win a boxed Sheaffer pen, if your letter is chosen as our letter of the month. Remember to include your name and full address



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What happens afterwards?

I HAVE followed the election letters to the *Ely News* with interest; many contributions from my friends.

There is one fundamental question never considered, even in the national press.

Although I have voted in every national election since the Fifties, I consider myself ineligible to vote now, because at my age it would not be fair to posterity.

The question not being considered openly is who will conduct the change-over from the EU.

The Government has been democratically elected to serve until 2020.

This includes the Prime Minister, the Chancellor, the Home Secretary and most of the cabinet. All have been loquacious remainers.

Would the 'outers' dare to force a vote of no confidence in the government with the threat of Labour joining in?

In such an event which of the polemicists, with solipsism take control?

Step forward Nigel.

Bill Pickess
West Fen Road
Ely

Anniversary: all are welcome

FOLLOWING on from Andy Cogan's impassioned and detailed account of the execution of the 'Littleport Martyrs' in June 1816, may I invite anyone who would like to mark this important historic anniversary to our commemorative procession and service in Ely on Saturday 25th June.

The Field Theatre Group (with funding from Littleport Parish Council) is staging a memorial procession and service... to which all are welcome.

The Field has brought together performers, singers, musicians, a choir, and descendants of the five hanged men to mark this historic, bicentenary anniversary.

The procession will depart from the cathedral lawn behind the Lady Chapel at 10.30am.

The Rev David Newton of St Mary's ministry team will lead a service of prayer at the unmarked mass grave of the five hanged men.

The tenor bell of St Mary's church will toll, as it did when the five set out for their final journey to the gallows, on that fateful June morning 200 years ago.

Our soloist and choir will sing, and there will be a guard-of-honour provided by the 363 motorcycle club from Littleport.

The 363 were founded in memory of the Littleport Martyrs. They are an active charitable club, raising money for many local good causes.

Flowers will be laid on the unmarked grave, by living descendants of the hanged men.

Riot in the Blood (the Field Theatre Group's documentary) will be screened at 1 pm at Ely Museum later that day.

All are welcome to this event which promises to be most moving and memorable occasion.

Your pictures



TWEET TWEET: Helen Calver, of Witcham, took this photo of a blue tit family which were nesting in her garden

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Deborah Curtis
Director
The Field Theatre Group

Look at what we really want

WHAT a jolly wheeze! Let's close the toilets in Ely because there's not enough money to "Spend a Penny". Then pay a whopping £6,500 per year for the privilege of parking coaches at Lancaster Way Business Park? Has this Council finally lost the plot altogether?

When the original plans were submitted to build houses on Barton Road Coach Park the Council Planning Department was inundated with well over 100 letters of complaint. Since then this Council have tried to squirm their way out of this mess by suggesting the coach park could move to Sainsbury's – not a hope!

Now an expensive "temporary" move to Lancaster Way with a view to a permanent site at the proposed Leisure Centre at Downham Road. But the new leisure centre plans which this Council have just approved DONT HAVE A COACH PARK!

And in the meantime the latest proposals to rejig Barton Road car park to allow "more" car parking is a complete joke.

A single coach drop-off point which could barely accommodate a minibus, let alone a touring coach of the size we see in Ely and no safe refuge for passengers. To have a hope of making this work would require the loss of at least 10 spaces.

Then there's the loss of the Poet's House car park. The hotel staff and guests still have to park somewhere so

that's another 22 spaces in the public car park lost. The disabled bays have been reduced in these plans. To reinstate these would require the loss of a further 3 spaces. Then, of course, there are the visitors to the proposed houses who are expected to park in Barton Road car park as it has "sufficient space for visitors" according to the Council's own Planning Statement. 11 more spaces down the drain... And to cap it all, no mention whatsoever of arrangements for the Market Traders, storage for their stalls or for the street cleaner's barrow.

In total I estimate that in the REAL WORLD we will be losing at least 37 public parking spaces, not gaining the measly 9 that this Council seems to think will placate the good people of Ely.

And an out of town coach park with no facilities for drivers. It's high time this Council took a long hard look at what the people of Ely REALLY want.

Michelle Wolfe
Parade Lane
Ely

A poem...

I can see beneath the sea,
Five singing dolphins,
As happy as can be,
Beneath the happy dolphins,
As stealthy as can be,
A great white shark,
As hidden as can be,
And facing the shark,
As cool as can be,
A killer whale approaching,
As steady as can be.

By Daniel Bewers
Aged 8
Pupil at Stretham Primary School

REVIEWS

Review of Viva's production of 'Sweeney Todd' on Saturday 18th June 2016 at the Brook in Soham

VIVA's production of 'Sweeney Todd' at the Brook in Soham was a fine production. Stephen Sondheim's musicals can be quite challenging and this was no exception, but as expected, Viva rose to the occasion magnificently. The plot had delightful twists, the characters were all credibly portrayed and the music, often quite complex, was splendidly presented.

Sweeney Todd (played by Richard Dodd) was an imposing ex-convict obsessed with revenge and easily capable of multiple murders. Mrs Lovett (Samantha Gallop) was an excellent partner in crime and Judge (David Tickner) was the very epitome of a high and mighty and corrupt judge. The Beggar woman (Angela Bocking) shaped her body into a figure I swear I have seen begging in London, even when among the audience she never lost the character.

Joanna (Zara Minns) and Anthony (Daniel Lane) were notable stars in the show, their singing particularly impressive and their skillful acting readily portraying their courtship thwarted with mishap.

The ensemble supported the action particularly well with their strong unswerving voices and their wonderfully choreographed movements and the orchestra enhanced the singing and atmosphere admirably.

The Director Gail Baker and Musical Directors, Richard Hayward and Graham Brown and choreographer Jessica Clifford are to be congratulated for yet another real hit by Viva.

The next Viva show to look forward to is 'The Little Mermaid' at St. Andrew's Church in Soham from Thursday 14th July to Saturday 16th July tel: Box office (01353) 722 228 www.wegotickets.com.

Review of Guy Johnston (cello) and Melvyn Tan (piano) in Ely Cathedral on Saturday 11th June 2016

AFTER the inaugural event of the Isle of Ely Arts Festival this year: a workshop with budding young cellists, these highly talented musicians gave a splendid concert in Ely Cathedral.

The programme was varied but the performance was constant: a performance that can only be described as outstanding.

Guy produced some of the most musical and precise sounds I have heard from a cello. His prowess was exemplified by agility and clarity in the Bach, amazingly powerful and well balanced double-stopping in the Turnage, sheer beauty and sonority in the Mendelssohn, notable intensity and sensitivity in the Schubert, potent bowing in the Chopin and very moving expression in the Fauré.

His talent was well matched by Melvyn Tan's piano playing. Melvyn accompanied with real empathy and in the Chopin particularly, his fantastic flair and virtuosic agility were unforgettable.

This was an excellent concert, giving the Isle of Ely Arts Festival a tremendous start.

ROSEMARY WESTWELL

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From Sutton, would like to thank everyone for donations, flowers and also presents.
£1,200 sent to Addenbrooke's Cancer Research.



Deaths

CHEESE Beryl

of Little Downham

Passed away peacefully in Soham Lodge Care Home on Sunday 12th June 2016 aged 87 years.

Loving mum of Ann, her partner Bob, dear nan to Kevin, Linsey, Ian, Rebecca, Charlie and her 6 great grandchildren, also sister of Val and Mossy.

Funeral Service at Fenland Crematorium, March on Monday 27th June 2016 at 2.30pm.

Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, for The Stroke Association may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service, 4 Tower Road, Ely, Cambs CB7 4HW Tel: 01353 666566

HITCH Dorothy

of Ely

Passed away peacefully in Addenbrooke's Hospital on Monday 6th June 2016 aged 87 years

Much loved wife of the late Arthur, dearly loved mother of Laurine and Gregory, adored grandmother of Claire, Samuel, Bethany, Amy and Dale. Sadly missed by son-in-law Philip and Julia, partner of Gregory.

Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Ely on Friday 1st July 2016 at 12.30pm. Committal at Cambridge City Crematorium, East Chapel at 3.15pm.

Flowers or donations for N.S.P.C.C. if desired, may be sent to

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KING Terence John 'Terry'

of Witchford

Passed away peacefully at home on Thursday 9th June 2016 aged 82 years.

Reunited with his loving wife Noreen, mum of David and Camilla, granny to Ethan and Nathaniel and brother to Stuart and Glenys.

Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Witchford on Thursday 30th June 2016 at 11.00am followed by Private Interment in the Churchyard.

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WOODBIDGE Albert

Passed away peacefully on Monday 13th June 2016 aged 78.

Beloved husband, dad, grandad and great-grandad.

Funeral service at Fenland Crematorium, March on Monday 27th June 2016 at 12.30pm.

Family flowers only. Donations to East Anglian Air Ambulance can be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service, 30 Forehill, Ely Cambs CB7 4AF



In Memoriam



PEASE Ken

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CATCHING UP: Former pupils and teachers from Littleport's Martin School came together for the reunion, which was held at the Royal British Legion. Picture by Robert Mozejko.

Together again at school reunion

MEMORIES were exchanged at a reunion for former pupils and teachers of Littleport's old Martin School.

The reunion was held at Littleport's Royal British Legion on Saturday night to mark the fact that it is 50

years since the class of 1966 left the school. All leavers from 1965-68 were invited and one couple, Stuart and Anne (Goodge) Porter flew over from Pennsylvania especially for the occasion. Three teachers, 90-year-old Harold Partridge and

Penny Morton and Jean Browning, who are both in their 80s, also attended and took great delight in meeting their former pupils.

A raffle took place and, added with the entry fees, £300 in total was raised for the Poppy Appeal.

POLITICS

More support for new deal

A NEW devolution deal for Cambridgeshire has received a largely positive response from the movers and shakers in the region.

The deal would stretch across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and provide £170 million for new affordable housing.

There would also be £20 million per year provided for new transport infrastructure over the next 30 years.

A new directly elected mayor would also be elected for the region, to oversee a new combined authority made up of a representative from each of the county's

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seven councils, and the local enterprise partnership.

The council leaders responsible for negotiating the deal have been largely positive about the new proposals, especially compared to the previous deal, which would have seen Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk being merged.

James Palmer, leader of East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "The Cambridgeshire only deal offers hope for greatly need-

ed improvements to infrastructure in East Cambs.

"We have insisted that major schemes such as the A14/A142 junction, Soham Railway Station, the dualling of the line between Soham and Ely and improvements to the A10 are included in the Cambridgeshire deal.

"East Cambs is a growth area and only improvements to the infrastructure here will continue the incredible business growth shown over the last year."

The Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough local enterprise partnership also supports the new deal.

COUNCIL

Tree being felled

A LARGE willow tree in Ely was due to be cut down this week.

East Cambridgeshire District Council was planning to fell the mature tree, situated on the corner of Lavenders Land, on the edge of the Riverside footpath, off Willow Walk, on Wednesday.

The council said the main stem of the tree was "rotten and deteriorating rapidly". They added: "In the interests of public safety, the tree must be felled."

A replacement tree is due to be planted some time between December and February.

NATURE

Unusual sightings

STAFF monitoring rare Black-tailed Godwits at the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust in Welney have discovered a male individual with two female partners for the first time.

The male in question has been identified as a 12-year-old bird, which was leg-ringed on the Ouse Washes as a chick.

Both the females with him are un-ringed, but Black-tailed Godwits are known to be site-faithful and so they too are likely to have hatched there.

There are also two monogamous pairs at Welney. All three 'pairs' have chicks.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ukulele Hawaii link-up

THE Rocking Ukuleles of Ely are gearing themselves up for something which they believe has never been done before.

On Monday, June 27 members will be doing a live link-up with the Ukulele Guild of Hawaii – 7,000 miles away.

The Guild will be playing Pearly Shells and the Rocking Ukuleles will be playing Just Wanna Be Your Teddy Bear. The event is at Ely Bowls Club at 7.30pm and all are welcome.

Call John Bassett on 07785 296681.

Theatre fans celebrate club's 35th birthday



ELY Theatregoers Club is celebrating its 35th anniversary.

Members gathered at the city's Masonic Hall last Wednesday to mark the milestone.

When Eileen Pick founded the club in 1981 there were 26 people were on board.

Today, the club has around 300 members.

For information, call 07887 240483 or visit elytheatregoers.co.uk.

FUNDRAISING

Dad's 10,000ft skydive for children's hospital



BRAVE: Dad Aaron Vasey with son Zachery, 4

PICTURE: Richard Patterson

A DAD is hoping to conquer his fear of heights – and raise much-needed funds for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Aaron Vasey, 26, from Ely, is doing a 10,000ft skydive in August with his mum, Dawn Murfitt, from Littleport, to raise as much as they can for the children's hospital.

Aaron's son, Zachery, 4, was born with bladder exstrophy, a rare birth defect which is when the bladder is open and exposed on the outside of the abdomen.

Zachery, who is a pupil at the Isle of Ely Primary School, is still undergoing operations to try and make his bladder work properly and Aaron says his family want to "give something back".

Aaron, who lives with Zachery, his partner, Lisa Currie, 22, and their other son, Ellis, 2, in Welland Place, said: "I'm scared of heights so I'm terrified about doing the skydive, but I've set myself the challenge and I will do it."

"My mum is doing it too; it's our way of giving something back to Great Ormond Street. We're hoping to raise £1,000 so all donations would be gratefully received."

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"Zachery has had numerous major operations at Great Ormond Street, including three in his first year – and sadly he still needs to undergo more to try and fix his bladder."

"He's doing very well though; he's at school and we're really proud of him."

"The hospital has done so much, not just for my son and our family, but thousands of other children with all different kinds of conditions, which is why we want to raise some money for them."

Aaron said Zachery's school is planning a couple of fundraising activities to help top up funds.

Whitegate Cleaning Services, based in Little Downham, is also getting behind the family's campaign and is donating 5 per cent of all work – both residential and commercial – that it receives during July.

To make a donation, visit justgiving.com/Aaron-Vasey.

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PLANNING

Couple told to pull three-storey extension down

A COUPLE who built a large extension to their home without planning permission have been ordered to take it down.

Richard Lee and Selica Seigny turned their home in Stretham Road, Wicken, from a three-bedroom home to a six-bedroom property by building a three-storey rear extension.

The work was carried out without planning permission and the couple were then forced to submit a retrospective planning application to East Cambridgeshire District Council.

The council refused the application in October last year and served the property with an enforcement notice. The couple then appealed.

However, the Planning Inspectorate has now dismissed the couple's appeal and ordered that they re-

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move the extension – and a first floor rear balcony – within 12 months.

The decision was made just days after the district council's planning committee authorised the demolition of an unauthorised agricultural building at Sappers Rest in Chatteris Road, Mepal.

The building was erected by Mr and Mrs R Tomlin in 2013 without planning permission and a retrospective planning application was then refused.

The council says that "after all other avenues of negotiation were exhausted with the applicant to secure its removal" an enforcement

notice was served.

A council spokesman said: "Notice was served under section 171A(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 requiring the removal of the building and associated materials, and the reinstatement of the land.

"Following an unsuccessful appeal to the Planning Inspectorate, the landowner was required to dismantle the building, which has not been carried out.

"The council consider that, in the interests of upholding the integrity of the planning system, it must now take direct action to have the building removed."

Jo Brooks, the council's director of operations, is urging people to check whether they require planning permission before they start any building work or change of use.

OPEN AIR: The production was held in the beautiful gardens of Ely's Old Palace
PICTURES: David Johnson



Open-air theatre pulls in crowds

THEATRE lovers were in their element at an open-air production in Ely.

The Lord Chamberlain's Men returned to the city for the twelfth year running to stage Shakespeare's sparkling, battle-of-the-sexes comedy, *Much Ado About Nothing*, in the stunning gardens of the Old Palace.

Many members of the audience enjoyed picnics and Prosecco while watching the performance.

Shakespeare is the theme of this year's Isle of Ely Arts Festival, which is backed by the *Ely News* and is running across East Cambs until mid-July.

Visit isleofelyartsfestival.org.uk for the full line-up.



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RAISING THE ROOF: Pupils taking part in the concert, with musicians from Eboracum Baroque and Ely College. PICTURES: Keith Jones



Classical music puts smiles on faces

MELODIOUS youngsters have been proving that classical music isn't just for grown-ups.

Around 150 pupils from Ely St Johns Primary School, Robert Arkenstall Primary School and Littleport Community Primary School have been participating in

fun-filled classical musical workshops run by Eboracum Baroque.

The children then came together at the Robert Arkenstall Centre in Haddenham for a concert called Hum, Whistle, Crackle, Bang! where they performed *Roaring Rockets*

based around Handel's Music for the Royal Fireworks, using instruments from the time.

They were joined by five musicians from Ely College and six musicians from Eboracum Baroque. The event was sponsored by the Ely Gin Company.

COMMUNITY

Calls for park to open again

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FRUSTRATED residents are calling for a popular play area in Ely to re-open in time for the fast-approaching summer holidays.

The playground near Ely's Princess of Wales Hospital, off Lynn Road, has been closed for at least six months – much to the disappointment of families.

The USAF, which is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the park, says that some of the equipment is "potentially unsafe" and that a "number of issues" need to be completed before the park can re-open.

But parents say the issues should have been resolved months ago.

Sue Smith, a childminder who lives in nearby Morton Close, said: "I'm disgusted that the park has sat there like this for so long.



PLAY CANCELLED: Residents want the play area to re-open

"More and more families are moving into Ely and yet one of its nicest play areas is out of bounds and the grass is knee high.

"I know parents who drive there from Witchford and Soham because the park is so good. We need it to re-open as soon as possible – certainly in time for the summer holidays."

Hannah McCreadie, another local childminder who lives in nearby Kings Avenue, said: "The park has been closed for at least six to eight months now, which is

a real shame.

"Because of all of its nice equipment, and its central location, it's really popular with families."

A spokesman for the USAF said they hope to re-open the park in the "not too distant future".

He said: "We have a responsibility to ensure that our residents and their children do not have access to potentially unsafe apparatus.

"There are a number of issues that need to be completed to ensure the safety of those that use it before the park can be re-opened.

"We are working on this issue and contractors have been instructed to undertake the works.

"We anticipate that the repair works should commence this month and that we should be able to re-open the park in the not too distant future, following a successful safety inspection."



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Learning to be safe in the sun

SUN safety was the focus of a special education day at Spring Meadow Infant and Nursery School in Ely.

The school has recently signed up to become a Sun Safe School with the charity Skcin. Its aim is to prevent skin cancer through education.

Michelle Bridge and Narissa Cipp both have children in the Reception class at Spring Meadow and both work for local charity, Melanoma Focus.

The education day saw Skcin contributing lots of information and lesson plans for teachers to tie in with their classes and Melanoma Focus provided funding for the event.

A specialist nurse from Addenbrooke's visited the school to help educate the pupils, plus there were fun sun safety themed games and the chance to meet George the Sun Safe Superstar. Go to melanomafocus.com.



SUN SAFETY: George the pig with pupils.

PICTURE: Richard Patterson

CAMPAIGN

Charity at risk without a base

A LIFESAVING charity is at risk of becoming homeless unless it can find new storage facilities.

Cambridgeshire Search and Rescue (CamSAR), the county's dedicated lowland rescue team, is appealing for the public to help it find a new base.

In the early years, East Cambridgeshire District Council enabled the charity to use parking, teaching and a small equipment storage facility at their Littleport depot. This is still used as a training centre but the team soon began to outgrow it.

For the last six years, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service has allowed the charity to use its March, Littleport, Sawtry and Cottenham stations for meeting and training.

The offer of a unit at South Fens Business Centre in Chatteris from Fenland District Council also allowed CamSAR, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary, to develop

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a dedicated base for its incident control unit, support vehicles, boats, bikes and other equipment.

But the charity is now at risk of becoming homeless from late July.

Wayne Bent, search manager for CamSAR, said: "Fenland has been an extremely generous and accommodating landlord, going above and beyond expectations to help and support the team."

"However, the time has come for a tenant to take up these once-vacant premises and we are now in urgent need of a replacement facility."

"As a purely donation funded charity, every one of our volunteer members has had to be raising funds, attending training and also searching for missing people as well as fitting in family and working life too."

"It already costs around £30,000 to simply keep the team going each year and now without a premises we are not sure of our future."

"We are looking for somewhere to securely store three large vehicles inside away from the elements and have access to them 24/7/365 fairly centrally located in Cambridgeshire."

"We realise this is a huge ask but if we were not desperate we would not be appealing."

CamSAR's response capabilities will be unavoidably curtailed until a suitable new home is found.

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■ Coffee morning at St Mary's Church on Thursday from 9.15am.

■ Etheldreda history reenactments on Cross Green on Saturday at 11am, noon and 1pm. All are welcome to take part.

■ Cheeki Monkeys baby and children's market at the Ely Beet Club on Saturday from 12-2pm. Search for the event on Facebook.

Free family art session at the Babylon Gallery on Sunday from 11am-2pm. All welcome.

■ Jumble sale at Ely Community Centre on Sunday from 11am-2pm. Littleport Timebank is organising the sale. Tables are £7. Call Caline on 07702 517746.

■ Michael Watson, chief operating officer at Circle Health, hosting Ely Cathedral Business Group's Fourth Mondays discussion on Monday, June 27. The free event is at the Royal Standard pub at 6.30pm. Visit elycathedralbusinessgroup.org.

■ Pamela Tasker hosting a learn how to sew workshop at Sew Much To Do on Monday, June 27 from 7-9.30pm.

■ On Thursday, June 30 Marianne Cant will then be

showing people how to make a Beth Studley fabric storage pod. Call (01353) 664000.

■ 'Do we need religion?' is the theme of Ely Local Discussion Group's meeting on Tuesday, June 28. It is at Ely Museum at 7.30pm and all are welcome. Call 07747 761519.

■ Jumble sale at the Ely Beet Club on Saturday, July 9 from 12-5pm. Entry £1 for adults, free for children. For a stall, call (01353) 662029.

Littleport

■ National Cream Tea Day celebration at The Copper Cup cafe on Friday from 10am-2pm. Call (01353) 861317.

■ Fundraising event at Laburnum Lodge care home on Saturday from 1pm. Barbecue, stalls, tombola, face painting and more. Call (01353) 860490.

■ Ely Fibromyalgia Group's next meeting is at The Copper Cup cafe on Monday, June 27 at 1pm. Email elyfibromyalgia@gmail.com.

■ Prize bingo at the leisure centre on Wednesday, June 29 from 6.30pm. Call (01353) 860600.

Mepal

■ Mepal and Witcham Primary School's summer fete on Saturday from 11.30am-3pm. Stalls, games, face painting and more. All welcome.

Soham

■ Summer fete at Soham Lodge Care Centre on Saturday from 2.30-4pm. Stalls, children's games, music and raffles. Call (01353) 720775.

Sutton

■ Special Armed Forces Day event at the Brooklands Centre on Saturday from 12-6.30pm, followed by evening entertainment. Raising of the flag, military vehicles, live music, children's inflatables, stalls and more. Call (01353) 778330.

Wicken

■ Annual village fete and dog show on the village recreation ground on Saturday. Live music, stalls, family games and more. Free admission.



MEMORY LANE: Arthur Willis OBE, centre, with the many former cathedral organists who attended.

Organists unite for Arthur's 90th

EIGHT former Ely Cathedral organists spanning 50 years gathered for a special concert to celebrate the 90th birthday of local eminent musician, Arthur Willis OBE.

Arthur was the Director of Music at Ely Cathedral for 32 years.

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Nicole inspiration for meningitis ball

SURVIVOR:
Nicole Wilson
pictured at home
in Sutton with
her dog, Betsy.

PICTURE: Richard
Patterson



MENINGITIS survivor Nicole Wilson is the inspiration behind a glitzy charity ball being held this summer.

Nicole, 24, from Sutton, was struck down by the devastating disease while on holiday in Cyprus in 2008.

Aged just 16 at the time, the meningitis left Nicole with a catalogue of after-effects, including amputations of both legs below the knee and to her fingers.

Nicole is also blind in one eye and has been left infertile by the disease.

Meningitis Now is a charity which has supported Nicole and her family both during and since her illness.

Nicole's mum, Bev, is hosting the Meningitis Now Summer Charity Ball, which will take place at Slepe Hall in St Ives on Saturday, July 16.

All proceeds raised will go directly to the charity to help it fund further research into the disease – and support people affected by it.

Ball organiser Lorraine Canham, said: "We wanted to do something big with lots of fun – a chance to dress up and show the community that Nicole is doing well."

"Without the support from charity Meningitis Now, Nicole's family

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would be in a different position, so we wanted to spread the news and fundraise for this worthwhile charity in our local area."

The evening kicks off with a drinks reception from 7pm, followed by a three-course meal. Music will be provided by covers band, A Listers.

A bumper raffle and auction will also be held on the night, with lots of special prizes, including signed football photographs.

Guest speaker will be Steve Dayman, who founded Meningitis Now over 30 years ago after losing his young son to the disease.

He said: "Nicole is an inspiration in the way she has remained a focused and positive young lady following the devastation of meningitis."

"Through our financial support grants, we've been pleased to provide her with a treadmill and a specially-adapted bicycle enabling her to work towards achieving her goals of dancing and doing gymnastics."

Leah Wynn, community fundraiser at Meningitis Now, said: "Thank you so much to Lorraine, Bev and Nicole, and everyone who's helping with this fantastic event."

"As a charity that receives no Government funding we rely entirely on the generosity, energy and initiative of our supporters to raise the vital funds we need to carry out our life-saving and life-changing work."

"Their efforts will make a real difference to those who are at risk from meningitis and those whose lives have already been changed forever because of it."

Meningitis Now, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, is working towards a future where no one in the UK loses their life to meningitis and everyone affected gets the support they need.

Tickets for the ball are £55 each and are available by calling Lorraine on 07932 435054 or Bev on 07946 296691.

Alternatively, email lorrainecanham64@gmail.com or bwilson042@aol.com.

To make a donation, visit meningitisnow.org.

COMMUNITY

Scouting continues to rise in and around Ely

SCOUTING in the Ely area is continuing to increase in popularity.

The Scout Association recently announced an eleventh year of growth in membership and in East Cambridgeshire there has been an increase of around 4 per cent in the last 12 months.

There has been a 19.5 per cent increase in adult volunteers joining in the last year and there are now over 650 boys, girls, and adult volunteers

involved in Scouting in the Ely area.

Steve Taylor, lead volunteer for Cambridgeshire Scouts, said: "Scouting provides a wide range of activities for young people and these range from abseiling to zorbing, craft to trampolining and caving to leadership."

"People will also be able to develop everyday skills that will help them in life, such as team working, planning and leadership."

Chief Scout Bear Grylls added: "I am super proud to see so many young people and adults learning new life skills, and achieving personal rewards through Scouting."

"I am excited to see Scout numbers continue to rise across the UK, especially the numbers of girls."

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G's Brexit concerns

LEAVING the EU would "play havoc" with the UK's food and farming industries.

That's the message from John Shropshire, chairman of G's Fresh, the Barway-based firm which is one of Europe's largest producers of salads.

Last week more than 120 of G's staff and suppliers were given the chance to quiz MP Elizabeth Truss, Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and Member of the European Parliament Vicky Ford, on the EU Referendum.

Speaking after the visit, Mr Shropshire said: "Brexit would be no victory for liberty or democracy: it would shatter the progress made in Europe towards freedom, prosperity and peace over the last 60 years."

"It would isolate Britain in an uncertain world, and it would play havoc with our food and farming industries, which have gained so

much from an era of continental harmony."

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G's exports around £3 million of its products to the EU.

MEP Ford said: "Europe's single market allows growers to move produce easily and cheaply with little bureaucracy."

"This gives us as consumers lower prices and more choices."

"Unless a new trade deal is negotiated producers and consumers will see added customs tariffs and taxes on food."

"We have no idea how long a new trade deal will take to negotiate or what it will look like."

The EU Referendum is being held this Thursday.

INDEPENDENTS ONLY:
Martina and Ivar Jensen
with local MP Lucy Frazer.



Supporting city's independents

A NEW website has been launched to promote and make it easier for people to support Ely's independent shops.

The Ely My Shop Is Local site has been launched by local business people, Martina and Ivar Jensen.

The site enables people to browse Ely's

independents online, reserve items for a free click and collect service – and even have items delivered to their home or workplace for a small fee.

Martina said: "We only work with local independent shops or locally owned and operated franchisees."

"We are trying to

move the trade from the internet to the local shops. The internet is to support rather than replace the town centre experience."

Shops which have already signed up include Ely Fudge Company, Handmade Hotspot and Spar Ely. Visit ely.myshopislocal.co.uk.

Plans for a new car wash

ELY looks set to get another car wash.

Ismail Andosa wants to turn a former car garage located at the Nisa Local store in St Mary's Street into a hand car wash.

In his application to East Cambridgeshire District Council, Mr Andosa says the garage is "currently shuttered off and unused by the public".

A decision is expected within eight weeks.

To have your say, visit eastcamb.gov.uk and search planning reference 16/00727/FUL.

Expanding

BLACK Bank Business Centre in Little Downham looks set to expand.

The district council has received plans for two new B1 units to be built at the business park, based in Black Bank Road. The plans include cycle and car parking provision. Visit eastcamb.gov.uk and search planning reference 16/00576/FUL.

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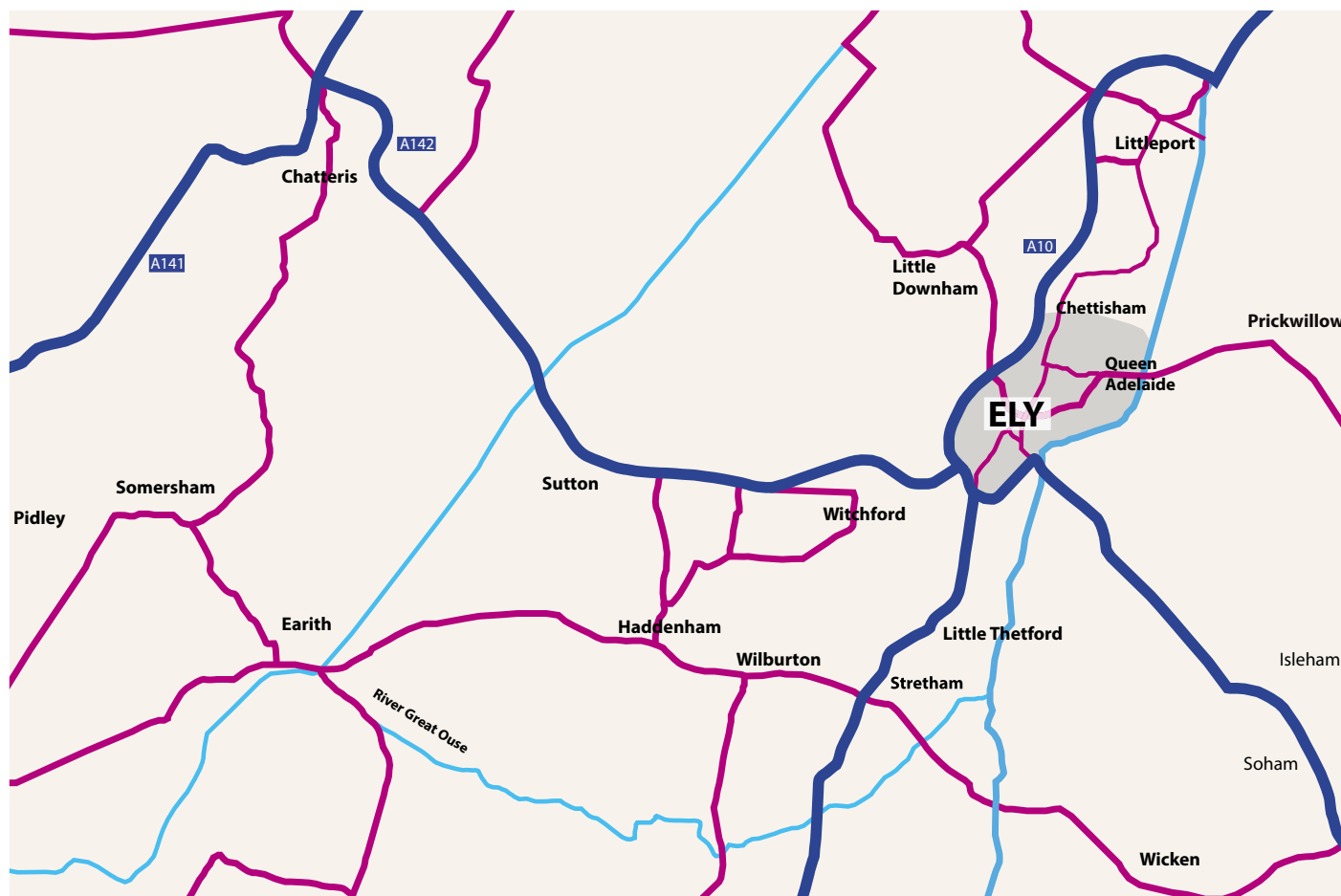
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Cover property

Barway: £385,000

THIS detached three to four bedroom period cottage in a rural position in Barway is on the market with a guide price of £385,000.

It has accommodation including a side hall, two cloakrooms, a kitchen/dining room, a sitting room and a conservatory.

There is a bedroom with en suite shower room, three more bedrooms and a family bathroom, as well as a useful roof space.

Outside there is a detached garage and gardens with shaped lawn, hedges, shrubs, perennials, vegetable beds, a greenhouse, a paved patio, a pond and a concreted area.

Viewing is by arrangement with Pocock & Shaw on (01353) 668091.



Feature homes

Soham: offers over £350,000



THIS four bedroom detached house in Brevhouse Lane, Soham, is on the market for offers over £350,000. It has well-presented accommodation comprising an entrance hall, a cloakroom, a lounge, a dining room, a kitchen, a utility room and a conservatory. There are four double bedrooms and a family garden. Outside there is a driveway, a garage, a lawned front garden and a generous enclosed rear garden with lawn and a patio area. Viewing can be arranged by telephoning William H Brown on (01353) 663311.

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Sutton: offers over £290,000

THIS three to four bedroom detached bungalow in Sutton is on the market for offers over £290,000.

The property has accommodation including an entrance porch, a study which could also potentially serve as a fourth bedroom, a kitchen, a sitting room with double doors to the garden, three double bedrooms including a master bedroom with double doors to a private garden area and a family bathroom. Outside there is a lawn, a patio and a gravelled area, as well as sufficient off-road parking for several vehicles and a garage. For further information or an appointment to view the property, call Abbotts Countrywide on (01353) 666502.



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Soham £112,500



**** Investment buyers only **** Tenant in place** First floor flat with open plan lounge/kitchen, bedroom and shower room. Gas heating. Parking. EPC rating C.

Soham £199,950



Semi detached period property comprising lounge, kitchen, conservatory, 2/3 bedrooms, shower room, bathroom. Gas heating. Driveway to garage. Low maintenance rear garden. EPC rating E.

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Soham £215,000



End terrace house in popular cul de sac location comprising hall, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom. Gas heating. Enclosed rear garden. Garage and parking. EPC rating D.

Soham £94,995



A two bedroom first floor apartment forming part of this popular over 55s development. The accommodation in brief comprises, entrance hall with stairs to first floor landing, two bedrooms, lounge, kitchen and bathroom, allocated parking space. EPC rating D. No Onward Chain.

Soham £650pcm



new
Well presented flat close to town centre comprising hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, two bedrooms. Electric heating. Allocated parking space. EPC rating E. Available July

Soham £1,800 pcm



NEW
****No application fees for USAF**** With accommodation over approximately 3218 sq. ft. Five Bedrooms Two en suites, double garage. EPC rating: D. NO PETS. Available 18/07/2016

Soham £650 pcm



To Let
Two bedroom top floor flat with double glazed windows and gas radiator heating. No pets. No smokers. No sharers. No housing benefit. Available Immediately. Tenant fees apply. EPC rating D.

Soham £550 pcm



To Let
One bedroom house with accommodation comprising entrance hall, ground floor bathroom, lounge, kitchen, bedroom and allocated parking. EPC Rating D. Available 10th June. Sorry No pets. * Tenancy application fees applicable*

Fordham £450 pcm



To Let
A self contained, furnished first floor apartment with accommodation comprising lounge/bedroom, kitchen, bathroom and benefits from off road parking. Electric heating. Inclusive of water and council tax. EPC Rating: E. Available for viewings from the 23rd June. Available 1.7.2016 for 6 months only. Sorry no benefits, smokers, children or pets. Tenant Fees Apply.

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**Witcham**

A superbly presented two bedroom bungalow which lies in a desirable cul de sac position with garage and gardens extending to three sides.

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**Ely** **£309,950**

A spacious modern four bedroom town house overlooking a green situated in a much sought after development on the outskirts of Ely.

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**Ely**

A beautifully appointed substantial 4 bedroom detached residence which lies in a highly regarded cul-de-sac setting a little over a mile from the City centre.

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**Little Thetford****£339,500**

A particularly well appointed four bedroom detached residence with double garage and conservatory set in landscaped gardens within this highly regarded village location.

🏠 108m² 🏠 2 🚗 4 🛋️ 2 🚿 2 EPC E

**Mepal****£269,950**

A beautifully presented 3 bedroom family home with a good size rear garden and conveniently situated just a short walk from the local junior school and village store.

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**Little Thetford****£180,000**

A terraced two bedroom property which lies in a delightful position with uninterrupted views over the village green in this much sought after location.

55m² 0 2 1 1 EPC D

**Haddenham****£255,000**

A deceptively spacious three bedroom semi-detached bungalow in a cul de sac location close to the village centre. No upward chain.

76m² 1 3 2 1 EPC D

**Haddenham £300,000**

House and Building Plot - 3 bed semi-detached dwelling with planning permission to convert to 4 beds, together with adjacent building plot for a 3 bed detached two storey dwelling.

1 3 1 1 EPC E 100m²

**Ely**

A beautifully presented and deceptively spacious four / five bedroom dormer bungalow situated approximately 200 metres from the City Centre on the popular Vineyards.

1 5 2 2 EPC tb 119m²

**Barway****£385,000**

A delightful, detached, 3/4 bedroom period cottage which lies in a rural position towards the end of this small desirable hamlet close to the river and open countryside.

1 4 2 2 EPC E 104m²

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A Simply Stunning Home

Ely

O.I.E.O. £400,000

If you are looking to live close to town centre without the need to compromise on space, then look no further. My vendor knew straight away that this property was going to be her new home soon as she step foot inside. The ground floor bedroom with en-suite and dressing room was ideal for her, as her grandparents usually tended to spend the night. The added bonus of having an utility room plus a living room on the same floor was perfect, as they had their own privacy without the need to climb the stairs all the time. The fact that every room was very spacious and most of the rooms also have windows either side, she really appreciated the light, bright and airy feel and was able to see the potential of each individual room. HRT0105

So much is on offer here



A Perfect Project

Soham

£139,950

EPC E

Situated in a non-estate location, this three bedroom detached bungalow is offered with no onward chain. The property benefits from a generous large living room with an open fire place, a spacious kitchen/dining room with access to utility room. HRT0127

Chain free too



Fantastic Starter Home

Soham

£195,000 - £205,000

EPC D

A well presented three bedroom home in Soham with a good size rear garden and good living space, a fantastic opportunity to get into or stay in this incredibly popular village just a few miles from the city of Ely. HRT9681

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Another Successful Open House

Ely

Another successful open house here, with full asking price being achieved. The result? Another very happy vendor. HRT0131

100% of asking price achieved



A Wonderful Location

Littleport

£170,000 - £180,000

EPC D

Close to the shops and walking distance to the train station, this is a fantastic home for the young professionals. My sellers loved the feeling of privacy and the fact they didn't feel hemmed in. HRT0149

This one won't hang about



Chain Free Cottage

Littleport

£230,000

EPC E

Wonderful features including beamed ceilings, open fireplaces and stripped wooden floors, with a downstairs wc and an upstairs bathroom along with four bedrooms and parking... It really is the best of both worlds. HRT9931

One of the quirkiest in the village



STTC In A Week

Littleport

£175,000 - £185,000

EPC D

This three bedroom semi-detached home had a huge level of interest. As a result we've sold it already! Call haart and get moving too. HRT0017

Another Littleport home sold



Renovation Required

Littleport

£225,000

EPC D

Are you from a family of skilled tradesman and want to call in all those long overdue favours? This quirky detached cottage will make a wonderful home for someone with imagination, flair and the knowledge and time to renovate this property. HRT9952

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A Character Cottage

Soham

£325,000

EPC E

A happy home for 43 years is testament to both house and neighborhood. A solid house with a history - this former farmhouse has stood the test of time, my seller loved bringing her family up here and hopes the next owners will cherish their time in this house as she has done. My current owner loved the old farmhouse style building, she feels it has a charm you just don't find in its modern equivalent and was thrilled with the well proportioned rooms, the kitchen with its views over the garden are what she will miss the most, and though she fully accepts the new owners will want to update the house to modern standards she hopes they will appreciate the feel of the home as she does. HRT9873

A piece of local history



Part Of The Town's History

Ely

O.I.E.O. £400,000

EPC N/A

A stunning grade II listed building on a charming little street. Not only that but the train station and City centre are only a few minutes away! This one's perfect for those who want it all on their doorstep. Even before Angela saw the inside of this lovely grade II listed building, she loved the approached on this charming little street (which is a Hythe meaning dock). All the houses are different and she thought No 3 on the corner looked handsome and solid (and she was to learn the street was full of friendly and interesting people who have been there a long time!) HRT0123

Offered chain free too



This Must Be Viewed

Prickwillow

£600,000

EPC E

If you've been looking for an open plan property where you can socialise with family and friends and desire to have your own cinema room, a garden and views over the river, then you have found your ideal home. HRT0061

Superb in every way



STTC Over Asking Price

Soham

O.I.E.O. £165,000

EPC D

Fortunately for our vendor this one is gone already! Sold over asking price in a matter of days! Call us for details on other homes. HRT0173

Gone in just a few days



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Life On One Level

Ely

O.I.E.O. £170,000

EPC C

This two bedroom ground floor apartment on the outskirts of Ely offers fantastic modern living on one level, so if stairs aren't appealing to you, then you must take a look inside. Having lived in this property since new in 2008, it has been the perfect home for our vendors for the past 8 years. The open plan kitchen/lounge/diner was perfect for mealtimes with friends and family, whilst the communal green outside meant they didn't need to go far for an abundance of outside space to enjoy in the sun. HRT0115

Beat the queue and call today



Shared Ownership

Soham

O.I.E.O. £85,000

EPC C

Looking to get on the property ladder? Then this 50% shared ownership property in Soham is the perfect opportunity for you to do just that! With enclosed rear garden, a spacious lounge, kitchen/diner and allocated parking, it ticks a lot of boxes! This property has been a superb home for the current vendors for the last 5 years, when it was their first time purchase. Now the time has come for them to relocate to March and they have already identified a property they wish to purchase! HRT0147

A perfect opportunity to get on the ladder



Breath Taking Views

Coveney

O.E.I.O. £260,000

EPC F

This views from this spacious three bedroom semi detached home are absolutely breathtaking. The front of the property has field views with Ely Cathedral sitting proudly on the horizon. You must take a look at this!

Our vendor has spent six happy years at this home with the kids, and over the years they have worked hard to make this property as impressive as it is today. HRT0142

Book your viewing today



A Modern Delight

Mepal

O.I.E.O. £275,000

EPC C

A family home is what my sellers wanted and a family home is what they found. A cul de sac location on a modern development, the downstairs wc, en-suite to master and family bathroom makes the morning ablutions a hassle free experience (if you have a teen who has taken up residence in the family bathroom - other options are available) The family friendly atmosphere of the development plus the welcoming feel of this village made Mepal the perfect location for my sellers. HRT01219

A beautiful modern property



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O.I.E.O. £235,000

EPC C

The perfect home for the young professional wanting a smart modern house on a cul de sac in the very popular Cathedral View development. Two double bedrooms both with en suites mean guests can stay over in luxury (or sharers will not need to fight over who gets the en suite) and the lovely dual aspect lounge/dining room has a clear space for a table so entertaining will be easy and stylish in this pretty, modern home. Both bathrooms have the benefit of a window so there is a nice amount of daylight and ventilation. HRT0170

Call and book your viewing



A Beautiful Home With Stunning Gardens

Littleport

£325,000

If you're looking for that perfect family home then you've come to the right place! This impressive four bedroom detached house has it all, including two single garages, two en suites, two reception rooms, oh and there's two stables too! This sizeable property has been home to our vendor for almost 16 years now, which goes to show just how perfect this location is. Now the time has come for her to relocate closer to her family in Bristol and the need for a smaller home is upon her. HRT0146

A must view



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NEW



Haddenham

£575,000

A brand new 5 bedroom detached family home situated in an exclusive development on a private driveway location central to the village within a Conservation Area. Includes entrance hall, cloakroom, 3 reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, 5 bedrooms (2 ensuite), family bathroom, driveway, garage and gardens. Finished to a very high standard throughout. EPR TBC.

NEW



Haddenham

£565,000

A substantial family home which has been cleverly extended to provide extensive living accommodation with a wealth of character and situated in a superb plot of approximately 0.8 of an acre (STS) including a paddock and benefitting from delightful country views. Situated close to the centre of the village. EPR G.

NEW PRICE



Wicken

Guide Price £600,000

A highly individual architect designed property of approx 2,500 sq ft in a plot of approx 0.7 of an acre (sts) with a paddock and stable block, located close to the centre of the village and benefits from stunning countryside views and has access onto a quiet lane to the rear giving easy access for riding out. Available separately is up to a further 1.5 acres (sts) of paddocks. No upward chain. EPR D.

NEW



Aldreth

£450,000

Situated in the small hamlet of Aldreth this modern barn style family home has versatile accommodation over 3 floors which includes: entrance hallway, study, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, garden room/dining room, 6 bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom and further shower room. There is also a double garage and gardens. EPR D.

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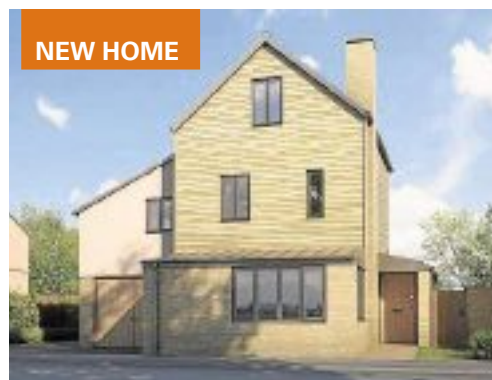
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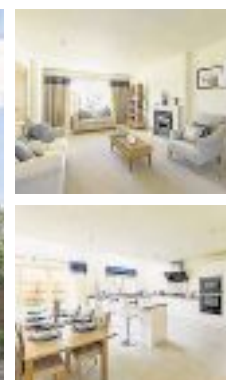
Witchford

£395,000

A superbly presented detached family home, recently updated and modernised throughout, situated on a highly regarded residential development fronting onto green area. Entrance hall, cloakroom, open plan kitchen/dining room, lounge, conservatory, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, single garage, driveway, attractive garden. The property benefits from gas central heating and double glazing. EPR D.



NEW HOME



Stretham

£495,000

Situated on a highly desirable new development on the edge of Stretham, the Belmont comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, living room, kitchen/dining room, utility, 4 bedrooms (2 ensuite), bathroom, garden and garage. NOTE: INTERNAL IMAGES ARE OF A PREVIOUS DEVELOPMENT AND ARE FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY. Estimated completion August 2016.



NEW HOME



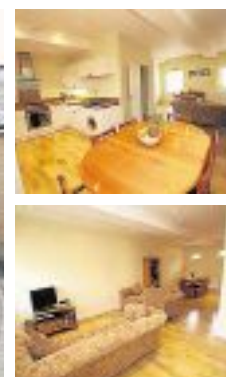
Stretham

£475,000

Brand new detached home built by Laragh Homes on a desirable new development on the edge of Stretham. Entrance hall, cloakroom, dual aspect living room, spacious kitchen/dining room, utility room, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, garden & single garage. NOTE: INTERNAL IMAGES ARE OF A PREVIOUS DEVELOPMENT AND ARE FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY. Estimated completion July 2016.



NEW



Ely

£325,000

A superbly presented highly individual Grade II Listed 3 bedroom (1 ensuite) home with courtyard and parking. Formerly The Old Brewery Barrel House converted to offer modern and contemporary accommodation with original features and situated in the City Centre within walking distance of the mainline railway station, riverside and City amenities. EPR TBC.



NEW



Haddenham

£265,000

Situated a short distance from the centre of this highly regarded village, this detached bungalow has accommodation which includes entrance hallway, kitchen, lounge, 2 bedrooms and bathroom. The property also benefits from a single garage, driveway and gardens. EPR TBC.



NEW



Sutton

£339,950

Situated in a small cul-de-sac of modern detached properties this family home has accommodation which includes entrance hallway, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, cloakroom, lounge, separate dining room, 4 bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom, garage, parking and gardens. The property also benefits from gas central heating and double glazing. EPR C.

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NEW

Littleport **£235,000**

A modern 3-storey end of terrace townhouse on a popular development. Entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, kitchen, breakfast room, utility room, dining room, lounge, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite) and family bathroom. The property benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, enclosed rear courtyard garden, double parking car port. EPR C.



NEW

Littleport **£235,000**

A modern 3 bedroom end of terrace family home on the popular Highfields Development, offered for sale with no upward chain. Accommodation briefly comprises of entrance hallway, downstairs cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge/dining room, 3 bedrooms (ensuite to master bedroom) and bathroom. The property also has gardens and a single garage. EPR C.



NEW PRICE

Soham **£229,950**

A superbly presented modern family home situated on a well regarded residential development. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms (1 with updated ensuite) and updated family bathroom, together with enclosed rear garden, garage and parking. EPR C.



NEW

Soham **£159,950**

A rarely available coach house situated on this popular residential development. Offering open plan lounge/dining room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, inner hallway, garage and parking. Ideal first time purchase or investment opportunity. EPR TBC.



NEW

Haddenham **£149,950**

A first floor detached apartment situated over 2 double car ports. Accommodation comprises of entrance hall, living room/kitchenette, bedroom plus study and bathroom. There is allocated parking beneath in a car port for 2 vehicles with door access from the car port into a small courtyard garden. The property is being sold with the benefit of no upward chain. EPR TBC.



NEW

Soham **£109,950**

A purpose built 2 bedroom retirement maisonette with accommodation comprising entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, parking and garden area. Offered for sale to over 55's only and with the benefit of no upward chain. EPR TBC.



Wilburton **£445,000**

Superbly presented detached home in a modern cul de sac within the centre of this well served village. Hall, dining room, lounge, conservatory, re-modelled cloakroom, upgraded modern kitchen, utility, 4 bedrooms (1 re-modelled ensuite), re-modelled bathroom, enclosed garden, driveway & double garage, updated heating system & solar PV system. EPR C.



Ely **£259,950**

An established semi detached house in a highly regarded residential location within walking distance of the City Centre amenities. Entrance hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, single garage, front and rear gardens. Offered for sale with no upward chain. EPR TBC.



Haddenham **£750,000**

A spacious and most impressive detached family home with grounds extending to approximately 5 acres (STS), backing onto farmland with far reaching country views. The property also has a modern detached barn offering a variety of uses. Viewing of the property is recommended to fully appreciate the setting. EPR TBC.

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Ely **£575 pcm**
One bedroom ground floor flat with electric heating, communal garden and allocated parking. EPC Band: C



Ely **£675 pcm**
First floor apartment close to the City centre with two allocated parking spaces. EPC Band: C



Ely **£725 pcm**
First floor apartment in a central location with gas central heating and double glazing. EPC Band: B



Ely **£750 pcm**
A newly refurbished two bedroom ground floor flat located close to the City centre. EPC Band: D



Ely **£775 pcm**
Two bedroom semi detached house in a cul-de-sac location with a garden and driveway. EPC Band: C.



Haddenham **£950 pcm**
A converted two bedroom former village parish hall with an enclosed garden. EPC Band: E.



Ely **£1,300 pcm**
Spacious detached four double bedroom bungalow with garage and off road parking. EPC Band: D



Ely **£1,400 pcm**
An individual four bed townhouse in a central location with off road parking and garden. EPC Band: C.



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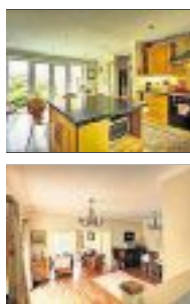
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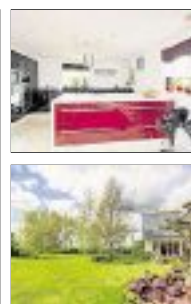
£530,000



- Modern individual detached home
- Non-estate position
- Fitted kitchen/ breakfast room
- 5 Bedrooms
- 4 Reception Rooms
- Good size Rear garden
- Views over farmland
- Driveway and Double Garage
- EPC Rating D

Wilburton

£739,000



- Spacious family home
- Semi rural location
- 2 reception rooms
- Open plan kitchen, utility & dining
- 5 bedrooms
- En-suite & family bathroom
- Spacious grounds
- EPC Rating C

Lt Thetford

£435,000



- Detached cottage on 0.66 acre
- 4 bedrooms
- Some updating required
- Bathroom & shower
- 4 reception rooms
- Double cartlodge parking
- Kitchen and utility
- EPC Rating E

Sutton

£385,000



- Detached Established Family Home
- Non estate location
- 4 Bedrooms
- Study/Office
- Kitchen/ Breakfast Room
- En Suite
- Car parking space
- Good size rear garden
- EPC Band tba

Stretham

£297,950



- Modern detached house
- 4 bedrooms
- Popular location
- Enclosed rear garden
- Fitted kitchen & utility
- Parking
- 3 reception rooms
- EPC Rating D

Ely



- Modern terraced home
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Walking distance to town
- Fitted Kitchen
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- 2 allocated parking spaces
- Bathroom
- EPC Rating D

Ely



- Extended Detached House
- Cul de sac location
- 4 Bedrooms
- Separate Dining Room
- Parking & Integral Garage
- Good size rear garden
- EPC Band E

Littleport

o.i.r.o £235,000



- Established detached house
- Kitchen
- Non estate location
- 2 double bedrooms
- 3 reception rooms
- Garden
- EPC Rating E

Haddenham

o.i.r.o. £249,950



- Detached Bungalow
- Cul de sac location
- 2 Bed
- Oil-fired Heating
- Driveway & Garage
- Good size rear garden
- EPC Band F

Sutton

£245,000



- Detached character cottage
- Recently decorated
- Living room with feature fireplace
- Modern fitted kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Enclosed front garden
- Driveway to garage
- EPC Band E

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the guide

Make a splash!

THE countdown to one of Ely's biggest community events – Aquafest – is now on.

This year's extravaganza is being held on Sunday, July 3 – and organisers are promising it will be one of the best to date.

As ever, the annual event, which first started in 1978, is being organised by the Rotary clubs of Ely, and will be raising money for local good causes.

The highlight of the festival will be the annual raft race, which will see teams battling it out on the River Great Ouse in elaborately decorated rafts while families line the riverbanks to cheer the teams on.

The Scouts' raft race is scheduled for 11.30am from Lavender Green, and the main raft race is due to start at 12.45pm.

The event itself will be opened by Ely's Mayor in between the races at 12pm.

Throughout the afternoon, until approximately 5pm, there will be a whole host of fun for the whole family in Riverside, Jubilee Gardens and Lavender Green, including fairground rides, family games, stalls, live music, performances by local dance groups and musicians, arts and crafts, a beer tent and plenty of food to go around.

Aquafest is free to attend and with it being the Queen's 90th birthday this year, there will be a royal theme to many of the activities.

To find out more, visit elyrotary.co.uk.



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ROUND UP

● **CORDIA** Wind Quintet, from the Royal College of Music, are hosting King's Ely Concert Society's event on Thursday, June 23. The concert is at the school's Recital Hall and will include works by Bozza, Francaix and M. Arnold. It starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £15 for adults and free for children. Call (01353) 653931.

● **LOCAL** band Max Headroom are performing at the King's Arms in Ely on Friday, June 24. On Friday, July 1 there is then an 80s tribute night at the pub. Both events start at 9pm. Call (01353) 656828.

● **A ROCK 'n' roll** night is being held at Prickwillow's Hiam Sports and Social Club on Saturday, June 25. Doors open at 7pm and there will be DJ support, a barbecue and raffle. Admission is £6 for members and £7.50 for non-members. Call (01760) 338894.

● **NEWMARKET'S** guitar virtuoso, Mikey Necrosis, will be playing at Ely's Maltings on Wednesday, June 29. The gig starts at 7pm and is being held as part of the Isle of Ely Arts Festival. Tickets are £5 each by calling (01353) 616991 or visiting wegottickets.com.

● **WITCHFORD** Village College is presenting an evening of music and readings to commemorate the centenary of the Battle of the Somme. The event is in the school hall on Thursday, June 30 at 7pm. Tickets, priced at £4 for adults and £2 for children/students, will be available on the door. All proceeds will be shared between the Royal British Legion and the school's music and English departments. Call (01353) 662053.

● **GRAHAM** Buckston is performing at The Crown Inn in Littleport on Friday, July 1 at 8.30pm. Call (01353) 862700.

MUSIC



Bringing cathedral's rich history to life

MUSIC will be bringing the history of Ely Cathedral to life on Sunday, June 26.

The Cantata Eliensis (Song of Ely) is the brainchild of Nick Pitts-Tucker, chairman and founder of Cantata Dramatica, a musical charity dedicated to commissioning and performing music with a focus on simple and powerful stories.

Nick wrote the libretto for Cantata Eliensis after coming across Janet Fairweather's translation of the medieval Book of Ely, and then commissioned three different composers to write the music – one for each act.

First performed at the Gravity Fields Festival in Grantham

in 2014, the piece is now coming home to the place for which it was written, thanks to the generosity of Paul Trepte, Director of Music at Ely Cathedral.

The performance will take place in the Lady Chapel at 6.30pm and is preceded by a series of free illustrated lectures on the history of the cathedral by Janet Fairweather, Rosalind Love and Helen Foxhall-Forbes, curated by Dr Charlie Rozier.

The lectures will take place in the Cathedral Education Centre, starting at 12.30pm and finishing in time for Evensong in the cathedral at 4pm.

For tickets or to find out more, call (01353) 660349 or visit tickets.elycathedral.org.

MUSIC

Don't miss Joanna Eden at The Brook

JOANNA Eden – singer/songwriter and vocal coach to superstar Sam Smith – is coming to Soham.

Her concert, Songs of Summer, is at The Brook on Friday, July 1.

In the last two years, Joanna's life has been turned upside down thanks to her former student, Sam Smith, who she mentored for nine years.

Sam, who began performing as Joanna's backing singer, has been singing Joanna's praises all over the world as he ascends to pop super-stardom, and the successful release of Hold on Tight, Joanna's rendition of the first song they wrote together, has been a huge boost for her career.

Joanna now regularly performs at prestigious venues like Ronnie Scott's Club and the Elgar Room at The Royal Albert Hall.

Her concert at The Brook is at 7.30pm and tickets are £10. Call (01353) 721748, go to Burrows Bookshop in Ely or visit brookentertainment.co.uk.



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HIGHLIGHTS: The Festival Players will perform Shakespeare Shorts: A Celebration of the Bard, above. You can enjoy An Evening with Jon Snow, left.

Isle of Ely Arts Festival: week 3

IT'S week three of the Isle of Ely Arts Festival – and there's more than ever to look forward to!

Running right the way through to July 10, you can take advantage of the feast of arts and cultural events being held throughout East Cambs.

The Ely News is the festival's media partner and free brochures can be collected from our office on Ely Market Place – or downloaded online at isleofelyartsfestival.org.uk.

The festival has a Shakespeare theme this year and the Isle of Ely Arts Festival Players have been delighting audiences with their Shakespeare Shorts.

This week, they will be bringing the 'Best of the Bard' to Little Downham Village Hall on June 24 and to the Arkenstall Centre in Haddenham on June 25. Both performances are at

7.30pm.

There's more on offer in Haddenham as you can enjoy the Shakespeare Experience at Haddenham Galleries on June 25.

Running from 10am-4pm, the free Elizabethan entertainment includes archery, fletching, dancing, wood turning and willow weaving.

There's also still time to get involved in the Shakespearean Quest. The scroll will give you clues where 25 works of art are on display in towns and villages throughout the district.

The map will give you clues to where they are – enter and be in with a chance to enter the prize draw. With tickets to the Globe Theatre, a Shakespearean meal at the Old Fire Engine House and many more prizes on offer, it's time to get hunting!

Running right the way through to July 10, you can take advantage of the feast of arts and cultural events being held throughout East Cambridgeshire

Families can also enjoy a free drop-in art activity at Ely's Babylon Gallery on June 26, running from 11am-2pm, and local musicians will be taking to the stage at Ely's Maltings on June 29 for the annual Isle of Ely Arts Festival Band Night.

Acts confirmed so far include Asbestos, Josh Aitken, Last Place Heroes, Suzi Jodie and Mikey Necrosis.

As if that isn't enough, there is an evening with Jon Snow on July 1 and Sing! Choirs will be singing the shows in an outdoor extravaganza in the Bishop's Garden on July 2.

■ For tickets or information about any festival event, call (01353) 616991 or visit isleofelyfestival.org.uk.

● 'A GIRL with a Book' – the play based on the true story of Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai – is being shown in Ely. The New Theatre Nottingham production, written and performed by Nick Wood and directed by Andrew Breakwell, is at the Babylon Gallery on Friday, June 24. It is a 'pay what you decide show', meaning the audience pays whatever they deem reasonable once they have seen the show, which starts at 7.30pm. Call (01353) 616991 or visit babylonarts.org.uk.

● BRITISH soprano Lesley Garrett and composer John Rutter will be guest performers at a concert at Ely Cathedral on Saturday, June 25. The concert, entitled A Summer Celebration, is being held to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Ely Cathedral Girls' Choir, Ely Cathedral Octagon Singers and The Ely Imps. The event promises a memorable evening of music with favourites such as Zadok the Priest, Beethoven's Mass in C and works by John Rutter, including Magical Kingdom. It starts at 7.30pm and tickets start at £15 each. Call (01353) 660349 or visit elycathedral.org.

● COUNTRY music duo, Cardy and Coke, are coming to Soham. The popular duo will be performing at The Brook on Sunday, June 26 at 2.30pm and tickets are £12. A carvery meal will also be served, with tickets for the meal and concert costing £25. Call (01353) 721748 or visit brookentertainment.co.uk.

● THE bicentenary of the Littleport and Ely Riots of 1816 are the theme of two upcoming performances in Ely. To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Riots, Ely Folk Festival, with support from the City of Ely Council, commissioned a new work to re-imagine the story of the battles from the perspective of a de-mobbed soldier's view. Written and narrated by Gareth Calway with music composed and performed by Andy Wall, the new work, entitled 'Bread or Blood', will be performed at Ely's Babylon Gallery on Tuesday, June 28 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5. Call (01353) 664706 or visit wegotickets.com. It will then be performed at Ely Folk Festival on the final day, July 10 at 1.40pm.

● WESTMINSTER Kantorei are performing at Ely Cathedral on Tuesday, June 28. On Wednesday, June 29 Kowloon True Light School of Hong Kong are then performing and on Thursday, June 30 it is the turn of Sedbergh School Chapel Choir. All three concerts are in the Lady Chapel at 1.10pm and usual cathedral admission prices apply. Call (01353) 667735.

ART

Feast of art on show at Ely's Contemporary 6 exhibition



SIX very different but complementary artists have joined forces for an exhibition in Ely.

Contemporary 6 at The Babylon Gallery is showcasing the work of Friedel Bucking, Christiane Haag, Danny Israel, Libby Jones, Mali and Sue Ribbans.

Everything from funky

street art to striking prints feature in the exhibition, which is running at Ely's Babylon Gallery, in Waterside, until Sunday, July 3.

The gallery is open from 12-4pm everyday and admission is free.

To find out more, visit babylonarts.org.uk.

Contemporary 6 exhibition at Ely's Babylon Gallery; running until July 3. Visit babylonarts.org.uk.



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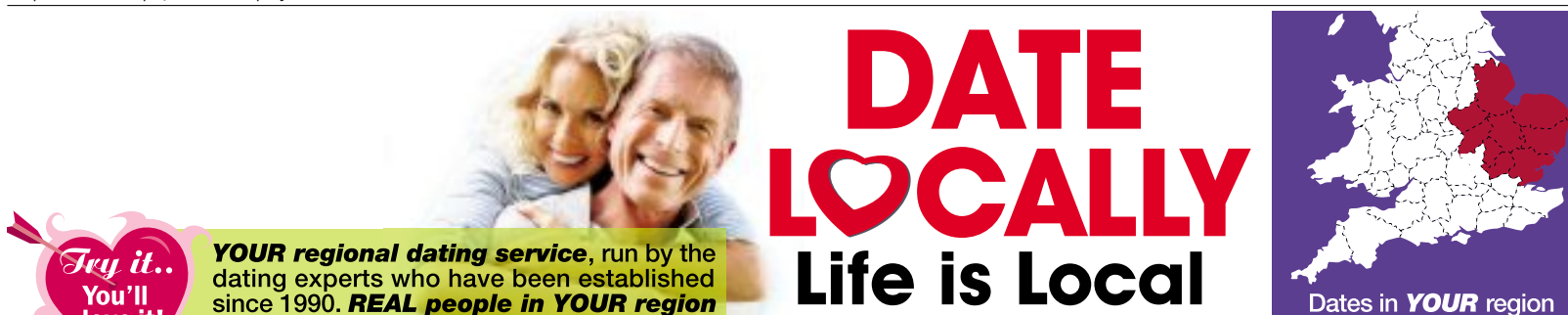
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ONE in two learner drivers (54 per cent) are given tuition by their parents – yet many mums and dads show a worrying lack of knowledge of basic driving best practice, with one in five not even sure they'd pass their own test if they took it again.

The research was commissioned by Young Driver, the UK's largest provider of pre-17 driving tuition, following instructors working for the scheme revealing that one of their most dreaded phrases from the youngsters they taught was "but my dad says..."

When questioned, three quarters of parents (76 per cent) believed they were up to date with the latest rules and could provide adequate instruction to their children on driving...but when quizzed on certain facts, many revealed their advice to be wide of the mark.

More than 1,000 people were surveyed by Young Driver, which offers driving tuition to 10-17 year olds at more than 40 venues across Great Britain.

Although only one in four parents (27 per cent) admitted they've picked up bad habits and forgotten what they were taught, it seems many more are still clinging to outdated advice to pass on to their own children.

Mirror, signal, manoeuvre – more than a third of parents

(39 per cent) have forgotten this basic rule, despite it being the cornerstone of good driving. One in two (47 per cent) forget to teach their children about the importance of checking dangerous blind spots.

Hand position – Back in the day the orthodoxy was that hands should be kept on the steering wheel at the 10 to 2 position, but that advice has been revised over recent years. It's to prevent a serious injury should a steering wheel airbag deploy.

Steering – Four out of five parents (82 per cent) wouldn't teach the push-pull technique favoured by instructors.

Gear changes – 38 per cent would insist the learner moved up and down the gears sequentially (eg 1-2-3-4-5-6). However, block gear changing is now considered acceptable in many situations.

Braking – One in two parents (45 per cent) would insist the handbrake was applied whenever the car stopped. However, stopping at a junction on the flat, the handbrake may not always be needed.

Manoeuvres – One in five (19 per cent) would be adamant that a turn in the road was a failure unless it was completed in three manoeuvres. In fact, the modern test allows for up to five turns. Hence, it is no longer referred to as 'the three

point turn'.

Assisted technology – One in four (24 per cent) would insist youngsters didn't use parking sensors or cruise control to help with their driving. These are perfectly acceptable in a test situation.

Dads are twice as likely as mum to take their offspring out for practise. One in 10 youngsters (nine per cent) rely purely on a family member for their driver education.

Kim Stanton, who heads up Young Driver, said: "We'd hope parents would swot up a bit before giving any dud advice! It might actually help their own driving skills too."

Some worrying stories relating to parents teaching their children came to light during the research, including: "My dad always told me to put my foot down when the traffic lights were on amber to get through."

"My mum was adamant that if I didn't go down through each of the gears when I stopped at a junction I would fail my test – even though I repeatedly said that contradicted with what the instructor told me!"

"My dad was always trying to tell me to squeeze past cyclists and horses when I knew the instructor would tell me to hold back and wait until I could properly overtake. I found it very stressful!"

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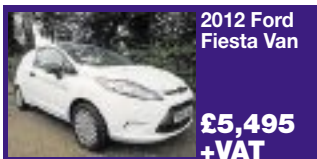
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Infiniti offers a selection of premium vehicles as an alternative to the mainstream options and has maintained an air of exclusivity since its UK launch in 2009, with the new Infiniti Centre Cambridge only the 12th location in the country where this brand can be test driven and purchased by drivers looking for something different.

Infiniti itself is the creation of the Nissan and Renault Alliance as its prestige mark, and has been building cars since 1989 with huge success in the US and Asian markets. The brand is building momentum with its new partnerships, like that with John Banks in Cambridge, opening new showrooms with plans for up to 26 in the UK in total. Infiniti will always offer a unique opportunity for individuals with only this limited number of showrooms and a further network of authorised

ENTRY-LEVEL Q30: Part of the fast-expanding Infiniti range now on sale



workshops to complete servicing and maintenance requirements.

In 2015 the UK registered around 1,200 new Infiniti cars – a 60 per cent increase on the previous year – and sales are set to more than double again this year with the launch of the Q30, the QX30 in June and a new Q60 by the end of 2016. In fact in the first five months of 2016, Infiniti is the fastest growing automotive brand in Britain.

The Q30 and QX30, featuring dramatic curves and a sharp three-dimensional design, are actually made in the UK Infiniti factory in Sunderland after being designed in London. Car aficionados will also notice the influence of Daimler Benz who have also joined the alliance on this project, with similarities of Mercedes-Benz

models in some of the cars' detail.

Mark Banks, John Banks Group MD, said: "We were delighted when Infiniti approached us to represent the brand in Cambridge. This is a great opportunity for us to offer a range of cars which is not just new to our group but to the area. We were all in awe of their style and I've seen how popular they are in the US and abroad, so we knew that they will be eagerly received in Cambridgeshire when we opened."

The John Banks Group already offer Honda cars and motorcycles, Renault cars and commercial vehicles, and Dacia and Suzuki cars across Cambridge and Suffolk. The introduction of Infiniti has resulted in a number of new developments for the group to accommodate the new range.

A new Group Service Centre is nearing completion around the corner from the Swann's Road location for the servicing and maintenance of Honda, Renault, Dacia and Infiniti cars, with a new 22-bay workshop with individual reception areas and dedicated technicians for each of the brands. Following its opening within the next few months, the existing Renault and Dacia showroom is being re-designed with plans including a 20 new car showroom and increased used car display.

To experience the new Infiniti Range, starting from £20,550, visit the Infiniti Centre Cambridge at 13 Swann's Road, Cambridge, where you will also find a small selection of used Infiniti models. Alternatively visit cambridgeinfiniti.co.uk or call (01223) 788000.

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Further details can be found at:
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Closing date: 9.00am on Friday, 8 July 2016.

First interviews: Monday, 11 July 2016.

Final interviews: Tuesday, 12 July 2016.

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
NOTICE is given that Cambridgeshire County Council intends after seven days, to make the following Orders pursuant to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991, the effect of which:
Prior Fen (C214), Upware and Great Drove (C214), Swaffham Prior
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2016/269
Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Prior Fen (C214), Upware and Great Drove (C214), Swaffham Prior as lies between Chapel Farm and Headlake Drove.
The alternative route for vehicles is via Headlake Drove – Whiteway Drive – Station Road – High Street – B1102 – A142 – A1123 – Upware, Upware – Prior Fen and vice versa.
The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate carriageway resurfacing works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 25 July 2016 and continue until these works have finished or on the 24 July 2017 whichever is the earlier.
It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 25 July and 29 July 2016.
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
SECTION 14(1) AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991
CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
VARIOUS ROADS, EAST DIVISION
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2016/278
Is to stop any vehicle, pedestrian or cyclist from proceeding along various roads, as set out in Schedule 1 below.
Nothing in this Order shall prevent access and egress from premises or land adjacent to the highway mentioned in Schedule 1.
The alternative routes are shown in Schedule 1.
The Order is necessary for safety reasons to facilitate essential maintenance works.
The Proposed Order will come into operation on 4 July 2016 and will continue until the essential maintenance works have finished or on the 3 January 2018 whichever is the earlier.
It is anticipated that this order will apply to the locations, at various times during the dates specified in the Schedule.
Schedule 1 – Road Closures

Anticipated dates for works	Road(s)	Diversion
4 July 2016 to 3 January 2018	Bells Drove, Littleport	A1101 – Red Cow Drove and vice versa.
4 July 2016 to 3 January 2018	Redmere Drove, Littleport	No diversion route
4 July 2016 to 3 January 2018	Harrisons Drove, Swaffham Prior	Prior Fen, Upware – Great Drove and vice versa
4 July 2016 to 3 January 2018	Straight Drove, Swaffham Prior	Prior Fen, Upware – Great Drove and vice versa
4 July 2016 to 3 January 2018	Headlake Drove, Swaffham Prior	Prior Fen, Upware – Great Drove and vice versa
4 July 2016 to 3 January 2018	Lower Road, Wicken	Way Lane – A1123 – Hawes Lane and vice versa
4 July 2016 to 3 January 2018	Long Drove, Haddenham	A1123 – High Street, Haddenham - Aldreth Road – High Street, Aldreth – The Boot – Brook Dam Lane and vice versa
4 July 2016 to 3 January 2018	North Fen, Little Downham	No diversion route
4 July 2016 to 3 January 2018	Second Drove, Little Downham	No diversion route

Access will be maintained to properties affected by these orders.
The above Orders shall not apply to any persons lawfully engaged in connection with any works for which they are made, any member of the Police Force, Fire and Rescue Service, Ambulance Service, a vehicle being used by Special Forces during the execution of their duties or to any person acting with the permission or upon the direction of a Police Officer in uniform.
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ROUNDERS



VICTORIOUS: The triumphant Soham Village College Year 9 rounders team

Soham clinch Cambridge & District crown

SOHAM Village College's Year 9 rounders team swept all before them on their way to winning the Cambridge & District schools rounders tournament.

Placed in a strong group with St Bede's, Bottisham

Village College, Melbourn Village College and Cottenham Village College, Soham started slowly but still had enough to win all of their matches.

Bowler and captain Mae Rix was particularly

impressive, with Isobel Alvarez-Garmon, Niamh Hilbert and Emily Goodchild fielding well.

Winning the group meant Soham progressed to the final, where they took on Bassingbourn Village College.

The match was very closely contested to begin with, but thanks to some excellent work on the final stages of their innings, Soham were able to clinch victory, with Ciara O'Brien scoring the winning half-rounder.

SPEEDWAY

Easter: Fen Tigers take full responsibility for Cradley postponement

MILDENHALL adviser James Easter has admitted they "can't prove" they asked Cradley to go ahead with Sunday's meeting after initially telling them it was off.

Fen Tigers promoter Kevin Jolly replied to a text message from the Heathens promotion about a guest rider replacement with a message "the meeting is off" because he disputed the rider's eligibility.

But after claiming that Mildenhall "immediately tried to talk sense into them (Cradley) but they were not having it," Easter (pictured right) now concedes they have no evidence to dispute Cradley's stance that it did not happen.

Easter explained: "I was given the impression that we asked them, but I have since asked around and they maintain nothing was done and we can't prove it was."

"I've had long discussions with Cradley and our relationship is much better than it ever has been."

"We hold our hands up that the mistake was ours and we have to deal with it."

"We will probably have to meet to explain our actions and we will do that."

"The long-term viability of the club

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is the most important factor and that means regaining trust and looking after our supporters, riders, staff and sponsors."

In a further statement released yesterday, Easter said: "The weekend's sad incidents have added nothing to the goodwill of Mildenhall, their fans, riders and sponsors."

"In reflection, the whole matter should have been handled differently, with the overall good of the sport very much at the core of our decisions."

"However we have to accept that Cradley applied the rules in a correct manner, and whatever our personal opinions were, we should have applied correct business principles."

"We were under the opinion that Cradley were asked to re-consider our decision to call off the meeting, this has proven not to be the case."

"Speedway and the overall wellbeing



of the league is paramount, and Mildenhall will now work hard to restore the public's faith in our team and the sport."

"We have spent the past hours reflecting on the events and everyone can be assured that Mildenhall will resurrect from this weekend with a fresh and positive approach to the future."

GOLF

Dixon earns success at Ely county meeting

KATIE Dixon was triumphant in the Cambs & Hunts Ladies Golf Association, Division Two meeting at Ely City.

The Brampton Park golfer made the most of the near perfect conditions, shooting gross 96, nett 73, to claim the gross prize.

And Dixon's round also saw her earn the Audrey Nicole Cup for the best nett score.

Bourn's Debbie Salmon was second with 77, one clear of clubmate Suzie Miles.

Ely City's Ros Grey finished fourth with a round of 79.

■ Matthew King has qualified for the national final of England Golf's Gold Medal Tournament.

The event is run to find the male handicap golfer of the year, with all the regional finalists having won a club medal during 2015, and the two rounds



WINNER: Katie Dixon was first at the county meeting

were held at Ingestre Park, Staffordshire and Burnham & Berrow Golf Club, Somerset.

Ely City's King made it through at Ingestre Park, and will now play for the title at Frilford Heath Club, Oxfordshire on Friday, August 12, during England Golf Week.

BOWLS

England third in series despite Falkner effort

ELLEN Falkner could only help England come third at the British Isles Women's International Series in Edinburgh.

The Littleport player was team captain as they lost 115-95 to hosts Scotland in their opening game, skipping her rink of Katherine Rednall, Rebecca Wigfield and Amy Stanton in a 21-13 defeat to Lauren Baillie.

England bounced back with a 180-84 thrashing of Jersey, with Falkner's rink, which saw Kirsty Hembrow

step in for Rednall, beating Lindsey Greechan 36-8.

But England were then on the receiving end of a surprise 116-106 defeat to Wales, with Falkner's quarter going down 24-7 against Jess Simms.

Despite a 147-104 win over Ireland in their final match, with Falkner's side, featuring Julie Leake in for Stanton, hammering Jennifer Dowds 34-13, it was not enough to help England improve their placing.

TRIATHLON

King's to host triathlon

THE Ely Triathlon and Aquathlon will be a sporting occasion for all the family when it takes place this summer.

The event, at King's Ely on August 28, will feature a triathlon for adults, and an aquathlon for the children.

The triathlon will consist

of a 300m swim, 29km cycle and a 5km run.

The Aquathlon is open to local school children aged nine to 15, and will involve a swim followed by a run around the playing field.

Entry for the triathlon can be done through www.entrycentral.com.

CRICKET

County finals beckon

ELY College's cricket team beat three other schools to advance to the county finals in Cambridge.

The team won all of their matches, with Ollie Gallop, Henry Olley, Hayden Jones, Chris Atkinson and Ryan

Catley impressing.

Jack Winters, Alex Oakhill and Isaac Shillito all played a big part in the tournament as well, and Ely will be confident of challenging for victory in the county finals on July 7.

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GOOD NEWS: Tyler Goodjohn will get another chance at the English belt after overcoming a broken hand

Goodjohn handed shot at English title

TYLER Goodjohn will finally get his chance to fight Johnny Garton for the English welterweight title after recovering from a broken hand.

The Wentworth fighter had been lined up to take on Garton for the belt in March only to suffer the injury in training just two weeks before the scheduled contest.

But after getting over the setback, Goodjohn, 25, who won the English crown at light-welterweight two years ago, will meet Garton at London's York Hall on September 17.

Boxing

After Goodjohn was forced to withdraw, Garton, 29, went on to beat Ryan Fields to clinch the English strap in May.

He said: "I'm really pleased because it's the only fight I really wanted.

"People said to me about having a warm-up fight to get back, but I was only interested in this one.

"He went on to win the title after I broke my hand and ever since then, I've just wanted to get

in there and win it.

"I watched the video (of Garton's bout with Fields) and he won with a really good knockout, but I don't think the guy he was boxing was English title level and it was a bit of an easy one for him.

"Now he has to prove himself as a champion and defend it against me, so I'm looking forward to it."

Goodjohn avoided going under the knife following his injury, with the hand healing after being left in a cast for seven weeks and he said he had kept a positive

frame of mind while on the road to recovery.

He said: "When I broke my hand, I had a week or two where I said I wasn't going to box anymore, and for six or seven weeks, I couldn't work (as a personal trainer) so financially it put me right back.

"I think a few people were a bit worried I might go the other way if I couldn't work or box, but I just kept a positive mindset through the whole thing.

"Now I've got this fight, I've got my reward for being positive."

Club ton trial record falls twice in half an hour

ELY & District/B&T Motors Cycling Club's 100-mile time trial record changed hands twice in the space of half an hour at the ECCA 100 on the A11 and A14.

Rob Golding saw the club standard he set last year beaten by Phil Gosling, who recorded a time of 4hr 1min 4sec, having set off at

Cycling

4.50am on Sunday.

But setting off 30 minutes later at 5.20am, Golding ensured Gosling's record did not last long as he came home in 3:54.31 to snatch back the honour.

However, the winner of the event was Richard Bideau in a time of 3:22.16.

Geoff Brewster and Will Shepherd made the short trip to the Wisbech Wheelers 25.

And both riders posted personal bests for the distance on the flat and exposed course in respective

times of 1:00.12 and 1:01.38.

Matt Eley took part in the Hertfordshire Wheelers 10, finishing in 20:30.

Martin Holmes and Alison Holmes took on the hilly Victoria CC time trial.

They stopped the clock in 24.19 and 30.27 respectively.

Cricket

Lawrence is main man in Witcham's win against Chippenham

JAMIE Lawrence (49) and Glen Griffiths (35) did well with the bat as Witcham brushed Chippenham II aside in Mr Cricket CCA Junior League, Division 3N.

Their efforts steered them to 151 for 6, before Griffiths, Rhys Murfitt and Hugh Lawrence all took two wickets in Chippenham's 84 all out.

Over triumphed by three wickets off the last ball of the match against **Wilburton** in 1N.

Tom Smart was their star turn, making an unbeaten 53 as his team reached 197 for 7 at the death.

Wilburton had begun the day by putting 196 for 8 on the board, with Tom Walker (72) and Lee Newton (57) getting the bulk of their runs.

Burwell III registered a victory over **Wimlington** in 3N.

Mark Chinery, who recorded an undefeated 51, was the best performer for the winning team.

Callum Mitcham and Joshua Smith were the star performers for table-topping Needingworth as they thumped basement boys **City of Ely** by 147 runs in Senior League, Division Two.

Mitcham made an unbeaten 73 and had support from Ben Carter (30) and Lee Smith (37) in the leaders' tally of 201 for 5.

Josh Smith then left the bottom side reeling and dismissed for a mere 54 as he ended with figures of five for 10 from eight overs.

"I didn't think we'd play, to be fair, so credit to them for getting the game on," said Needingworth skipper Dan Sherlock.

"As soon as we got their top three out that was pretty much it, and the rest of them were just batting out time, really."

Chatteris were due to entertain Cambridge St Giles in Senior One, but the fixture was called off because of the wet weather.

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